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DINNERS OF EIGHT

Several hosts have already been established. The host arranges a time for the dinner with the other seven people. If it is to be a pitch-in at the host's home, each person will bring an assigned portion of the meal. The food is super. But even better is the chance to get better acquainted with others in our church. If you would like to be part of "Dinners of 8" in January, and have not already signed up, please call the church office or Karen Bushey (747-3770).

EPIPHANY SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, 7:00 P.M.

Once again our North Christian Church will host an Ephiphany Service. A choir made up of singers from all our "Disciple" churches will participate. The service is at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday, January 6, at North Christian Church, 5201 Camden Drive. That is off of Coldwater Road, north of Coliseum.

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL

Last Sunday, Dr. Kilgore talked about the most important bowl of all. The most important bowl of all is not the Rose Bowl or the Super Bowl. It is the "food" bowl. People must have food. Jesus implored us to "feed the hungry." So, between now and February 24, we have been challenged by our Pastor to put some money in the "food" bowl every Sunday to help feed the hungry. Our Outreach and Service Committee has set a goal of $1,200.00 for this challenge. That will all go to our Week of Compassion offering which feeds the hungry and provides emergency assistance for people hit by devastating disasters. Whether it's tornadoes in Indiana, earthquakes in California, or other disasters in more than 70 countries, the relief and development fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are there and they are there because you have heard the call of Jesus Christ to love our neighbors.

Through the two months, we will help you see all the urgent help this offering makes possible. If we go over the $1,200.00, the additional will be divided between the Week of Compassion and Associated Churches food bank.

1991 OFFERING ENVELOPES may be picked up in the narthex. If you would like envelopes, and you did not find a set for you, call the church office.

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS will start up again at First Christian on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m., January 8 through March 28. Call the YWCA to register.

UNDECK THE HALLS PARTY - this Saturday, January 5, 9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, January 8, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

"Openness before God is the secret to spiritual growth."

CONCERNS & JOYS (AS OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28)

Congratulations to Mary Allen (daughter of Rosemary Day) and Jeff Pease who were married here by Dr. Kilgore on December 15.

Congratulations to Jim Bushey who has been elected to the board of the Home Builders Association of Fort Wayne.

Our sympathy is extended to Jean and Charles McGrew in the recent death of Jean's sister.

Gary Falbe had outpatient surgery last week.

An excellent wheelchair has been donated to the Church and is available for loan. Please call the office if you are in need of it.

THANK YOU

Dear First Christian Church Friends and Family,

Thank you for the wonderful Litany of Best Wishes! It is hard to leave so many good friends. We'd love to have you come see us. Our new address is: 365 Fleetwood Court, Carmel, IN 46032.

In God's Love,
Ken & Nedra Feeley, and
Rebecca, Sarah, Jason, & Kevin

CYF

TENTATIVE CYF CALENDAR FOR 1991:

January 6 - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. We'll burn Christmas trees and play a winter sport. See you then.

16 youth and adults went to lunch December 16 and then baked and decorated cookies which were included in shut-in baskets and delivered to the Rescue Mission. Thanks CYF! A Creative job, well done!

CHI RHO

January 6 - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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AT HOME: Hazel Crouse, Everett & Ressie Ehresman, Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Carl Linn, Edythe Metcalf, Gus Mueller, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Cecil Rice, Helen Sheerin, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

EDU-CARE '91

An in-depth leadership training experience for congregational leaders, pastors, and resource persons. February 22-23, 1991 at Holiday Inn, Columbus, Indiana. March 1-2, 1991 at First Christian Church, Lansing, Michigan. Cost: $82.50. Scholarships are available. Call Linn (744-3239) for more information and workshops.

PLEASE NOTE

Anyone wishing to donate their christmas tree, please bring it to the church parking lot by Sunday, January 6.

FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

Christ is the silent gift of Christmas that lasts all year. I say silent because he blesses us in January, February etc. even when we are not conscious of his role in our blessings. Christ leads people to be loving and considerate. Christ leads people to forgive and be reconciled to one another. Christ leads people to stand up for what is right and resist evil temptations. Christ is the Christmas gift that lasts. His influence is all around us. Thanks be to God for this marvelous gift.

Shalom,

ROMAN CATHOLIC CRITERIA FOR "JUST" WAR

The Roman Catholic Church has a long history of theological thought concerning when war is justified. This has developed through the centuries. In a recent letter to President Bush, their criteria is spelled out. It is worth our attention.

"Catholic teaching reflects a strong presumption against war while admitting the moral permissibility of the use of force under certain restrictive conditions:
1. Is war engaged for a just cause? 2. Is it authorized by the competent authorities? 3. Is it undertaken with the right intention, that is, are the stated reasons the actual reasons? 4. Is war the last resort -- have all peaceful alternatives been pursued? 5. Is the probability of military success sufficient to justify the human costs? 6. Are the costs of war proportional to the objectives to be achieved?"

Among protestant bodies there is a wide range of thought about the use of war. The Quakers as a group dissaprove of war under all conditions. A number of people, possibly not a majority, in our own denomination dissaprove of war. Others have carefully thought-out criteria of their own for "just" wars.

War is such a serious matter it demands that christians give careful consideration as followers of Jesus Christ. Is war ever justifiable? If so, under what conditions would christians support it?

ADDITIONAL POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

Gene & Eileen Klepfer in memory of Eileen's mother, Mildred Tharp.

Ruby Mowery and Mr. & Mrs. Allen Creager and Family in memory of Arthur Mowery.

Gary & Carolyn Falbe and Family, Lillian Busse, and Barbara Busse and Family in memory of Mel Busse, Arthur Busse, and Ed and Ethel King.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Jack & Bobbi Lindsay; August Mueller; Mrs. Arthur Mowery; Jackie Keller; Steve, Joy, Tony & Stephi Doles; Grace Truby; Marlo, Richard, & Josie Quick; The Ohneck Family, John, Kris, Denay, and Tracy Critell; Anna Taylor; Margaret & Bill Love; Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk; Andy Cook; Earl & Ruth Plummer; George, Sara, Tami, & Jim Davis; Candace Cole; Neva & Jim Mennewisch; and Harold & Ruby Cline.

SIGN UP ON THE FLOWER CHART IN THE NARTHEX.

SERVING JANUARY 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Paul Champion and Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Eunice Conrad and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Ewing-SW, K. Graham-NW, M. Hutchinson, P. Tobias

10:45 A.M. L. Brey-SW, J. Bushey-NW, J. Hatten-SE, J. Mey-NE, M. Mullen, D. Oden, S. Oden, M. Quick

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, D. Kreischer, G. Vanderwall

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

P. Champion - J. Atkins
S. Hayes - K. Blocher
J. Ohneck - C. Ewing
D. Kampenga - G. Brown

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Hutchinson & D. & S. Oden

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sam Hayes

ACOLYTES

Kaylie Duncan & Vickie Plemons

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

George & Sara Davis

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Lauren Ewing

10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 A.M. CWF Executive Board Meeting
9:30 A.M. Undeck the Halls Party

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. "Learning to Love Yourself" Class
9:30 A.M. "Paul for a New Day" Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Chi Rho
4:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Epiphany Service at North Christian Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:30 P.M. Personnel Committee in Board Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

5:30 P.M. Carillon
5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 A.M. Girl Scouts in Board Room
9:00 A.M. Thank you breakfast sponsored by Property Committee

BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY 14-20

Loretta Orr (14)
John Roush (14)
Jeff Young (15)
Mike Mullen (15)
Melissa Chapin (15)
Jack Williams (17)
Calvin Jones (17)
Phyllis Brickley (18)
Chip Olson (19)
Chanel Patrick (19)
Jan Nunn (19)
Michael Stone (20)
Mark Snyder (20)

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The church office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday.

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL

What good is it, my friends, for someone to say they have faith when their actions do nothing to show it? Can that kind of faith save? Suppose a fellow Christian, whether man or woman, is in rags with not enough food for the day, and one of you says, 'Goodbye, keep warm, and have a good meal,' but does nothing to supply their bodily needs, what good is that? So with faith; if it does not lead to action, it is by itself a lifeless thing.

YOU CAN HELP FILL THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL OF ALL!!

Make the Week of Compassion a time for intercessory prayer:

Thank God for the ministry of your congregation. Ask God to bless its ministry in your community and around the world through the Week of Compassion. Pray that the Week of Compassion offering will help North American Disciples to give prayerful thought to their consumption and spending habits and enable God to FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE.

NEEDED

The Carillon needs two ringers! If you read music well, and would like to either learn a new skill, or renew an old one, please call Helen immediately! The choir rehearses on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

The Chancel choir, at this beginning of a new season, welcomes new members or returning "old" members. Lovely music for Lent and Easter begins immediately. If you like to sing, we'd like to have you -- Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE will sponsor a thank you breakfast on Saturday, January 12, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD will meet on Tuesday, January 15, 1991 at 6:00 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

James Champion, son of Paul and Margaret, had outpatient surgery last week.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who made the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service a special occasion. Thanks to: Charlotte Ewing, Chandra Duncan, the Stow family, the Rinker family, Dustin McEvoy, Kathy Blocher, Judy Mey, Jim & Shelley Atkins, Becky Knull, Laura York, Judy Church, and the Christian Education Committee.

Love,
Linn

We appreciate so very much members of the Worship Committee, Rose Gaskill, chair, who decked and undecked the halls for Christmas; the lighters of the Advent Wreath - Don and Sarah Smith, John and Brenda Kelly, the Sam Smith family, the Jim Bushey family, the Ken Feeley family, Ken and Jan Nunn, Deb Lehman and her daughters, Janet and Maggie Smith, and the Bob Orr family; and readers for the 11:00 Christmas Eve service Pat Mullen, Don Kampenga, Sue Oden, Jim Bushey, and soloist Ellen Duncan.

How could the season have been so expressive and so beautiful without these folk and the choirs! Bless you all, every one, and thank you.

Love,
Helen

YOUTH STUFF

CYF

TENTATIVE CYF CALENDAR FOR 1991:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26. We will be taking a ski trip to Bittersweet. Details later.

CYF WILL MEET JANUARY 20 - 4:30 p.m.

CHI RHO

January 13 - Clown Ministry
January 20 - Clown Ministry - visit nursing home
January 27 - Super Bowl Party

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EDU-CARE '91

PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE of General Edu-Care is to provide specific leadership training opportunities for congregational leaders to enable them to discover the potential for creative service in their total church program.

Edu-Care is a unique learning experience for church leaders—both lay and professional. A concentrated study of one subject area is offered each participant. Unlike one-day or half-day events, approximately ten hours are spent in this two-day event in a Learning Group designed to offer both leadership development and personal growth. The creative worship services also bring a special depth to the Edu-Care experience.

Because of the programming structure, part-time participation is not advisable.

The 15th General Edu-Care
COLUMBUS, INDIANA
February 22-23
LANSING, MICHIGAN
March 1-2

FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS, PASTORS AND RESOURCE PERSONS IN

- Education
- Bible Study
- Worship
- Youth Ministry
- Spiritual Life
- Membership
- Leadership
- Personal Growth
- Administration
- Family Life
- Caring Ministries
- Children Ministries

Significant Hours of Learning Group
Experiential Learning
Great Fellowship
Book Store
Two Worship Services
Skilled/Experienced Faculty

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL LINN.

SERVING JANUARY 13

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8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Donald Kampenga and Eunice Conrad

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10:45 A.M. S. Kerley-SW, B. Kerley-NW, D. Kreischer-SE, C. Linn-NE, C. Murray, S. Murray, D. Rinker, M. Walsh

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4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

12:00 NOON Jim Grimshaw's PRC Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

6:30 P.M. Interim Steering Committee

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

5:30 P.M. Carillon

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 21-27

James Plummer (21)
Jim Bushey (21)
Heath Hudlow (21)
Daniel Auer (21)
Harriett Cole (23)
Delores Keebortz (23)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Mimi Westerfield (24)
Linda Stover (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Marilyn Rieke (25)
Sally Rudy (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Metta Stucky (27)
Karen Bushey (27)
Dorothy Green (27)

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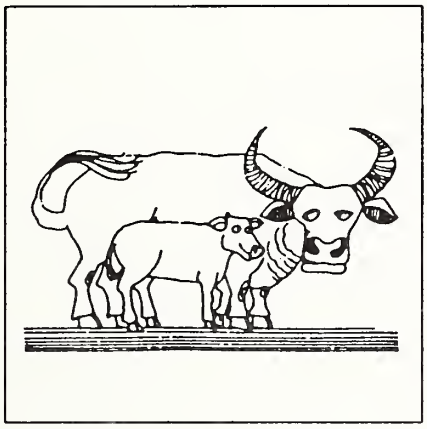

Buffalo banks are a creative way for farmers in Thailand to obtain draft animals to plow their rice fields. This animal husbandry project enables farmers to escape crippling dependence on expensive, outside services. Parent stock are provided on "loan" to the farmers. Offspring are "paid back" to the bank to be shared with others.

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL

Loving sometimes comes naturally. Healthy persons instinctively do what can be done to help those within their emotional inner circle. We don't need spiritual admonition to love our family or do what we can do to benefit those who love us.

The Bible, however, instructs us to "Love our neighbor," and Jesus makes clear that means helping anyone who needs help. That doesn't come easily. Loving all who need help is not merely a natural inclination. It is a result of Christian faith. It happens, if at all, with careful thought, conscious effort and Christian conviction. A contribution of $50.00 to the Week of Compassion offering can vaccinate 100 cattle against hoof and mouth disease in Cambodia. Expressing faith and commitment in that way helps "FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE."

YOU CAN HELP FILL THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL OF ALL!!

Make the Week of Compassion a time for intercessory prayer:

Give thanks for Brent Rowell, Perry Smith and all who work with Church World Service in Cambodia. Pray that peace will come to that troubled country and that all of Indo-China will move toward stability and adequate food production.

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 10

All Church Birthday Dinner to follow second service. It will be a pitch-in. More details later. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office. Friends welcome!

COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, January 22, 1991. Committee chairs at 7:00 p.m. and committees at 7:15 p.m. PROPERTY COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

AREA I BOARD meeting on Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. at Saturn Christian Church. RSVP to office, 744-3239, by Thursday, January 24. ALL ARE INVITED!

1990 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS MAY BE PICKED UP THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS IN THE NARTHEX.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Harriet Weaver who died last week.

THANK YOU

And yet another appreciated word.....

We would like the congregation to know that the Elders and one or two of the Sunshine Committee delivered the poinsettias to the shut-ins, and that all kinds of goodies were taken to them by the circles.

Thank you all!

The Staff

STAFF THANKS TO RACHEL CIRCLE

All the staff sends special thanks to the Rachel Circle for the lovely Christmas baskets we received. Yum, Yum!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Klark Kenley who married Christine Hughes on December 28. Their address is: 3425 Halsey Street, Alexandria LA 71301.

YOUTH STUFF

CYF

TENTATIVE CYF CALENDAR FOR 1991:

We're going to go to the Martin Luther King Junior Service Sunday, January 20. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. for supper and we'll go from there.

Ski trip set for Saturday, January 26 - $32.00 each plus supper money. Brown bag for lunch. Leave at 7:00 a.m. Back by 11:00 p.m. You can bring 1 friend - need to get permission slips signed before the 26th.

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SKI TRIP

The young adult group is sponsoring a ski trip on Saturday, February 9. The ski trip is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to go. We will leave early Saturday morning and return late that evening. More details of the trip to come. If you are interested, please contact the church office by February 1.

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CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW

ENTRIES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED for First Christian Church's Art Exhibition, scheduled to begin on Sunday, February 10 and run through Sunday, March 3. The exhibit is open to all members of the congregation age 7 years and above.

ENTRIES:

Each exhibitor is responsible for transporting their work to and from the exhibit area. All flat entries must be properly mounted, matted or framed with a minimum size of 8" x 10". A drawing or a poem are considered flat entries. Paintings and other large flat work must be properly wired for hanging. First Christian Church will not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to work exhibited. Insurance will be provided, but exhibitor discretion is advised.

ART CLASSIFICATIONS:

A. Drawings, paintings, printmaking/graphics
B. Sculpture (table exhibited-check with chair for size and weight limitation)
C. Creative writing (literature, poetry, music - typewritten or hand lettered)
D. Photography (prints, slides, video, movies)
E. Ceramics/Pottery
F. Weaving/Fiber (stitchery, macrame, textiles, basketry)
G. Wood/Leatherwork (where required, these will be displayed on tables)

LIMITATIONS:

No manufactured or kit objects such as samplers, decoupage, ceramics cast from commercially available molds, or the like will be accepted from those aged 15 years and above. Entries must be original art and hand created. Decision of the chairperson will be final.

SALES:

Some may wish to sell their work, but this activity must be conducted between the artist and the buyer. Whether or not the artist wishes to sell their work, the church must have a fair evaluation of each piece for insurance purposes. If a work is sold, it must remain on exhibit until the conclusion of the show.

The exhibition committee urges all members of the congregation with an artistic bent to consider entering one or more of their creative efforts for this art exhibition. Entry forms are on the back of this sheet or you may pick them up from the church office or by telephoning 744-3239. All entries must be received by noon, Saturday, February 9. All entries must have two entry forms attached to each item entered (ie, the entry form and the duplicate form). Questions concerning the exhibit should be directed to Chuck McGrew (637-5809) or Arline Hutchinson (432-0314).

The office is open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday, February 9, entries will be received between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW

"ENTRY FORM"

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

TITLE OF WORK_____

MEDIUM_____

IS ITEM FOR SALE?_____PRICE_____

IF NOT FOR SALE, LIST VALUE FOR INSURANCE

PURPOSES: VALUE_____

_____

"DUPLICATE ENTRY FORM"

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

TITLE OF WORK_____

MEDIUM_____

IS ITEM FOR SALE?_____PRICE_____

IF NOT FOR SALE, LIST VALUE FOR INSURANCE

PURPOSES: VALUE_____

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FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

Looking ahead I see some interesting events coming. For the week of the Laity our Young Adults will conduct the morning worship on January 27. February 10 is Bring-a-Friend Sunday. A lot will be happening that day. I urge you to think of someone you can bring on that very special Sunday. Also that day will be the All-Church Birthday Dinner and the beginning of the Arts and Crafts exhibit.

I hope these special programs encourage you to be involved and to speak with enthusiasm to others about our church. Even more, I hope your faith in Christ leads you to faithful participation in His church.

Please, pray for peace in the Middle East!

Shalom,

Dick R.

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GOOD REPORTS AT BOARD MEETING

Many accomplishments were reported at last week's meeting of our Board of Trustees. The final Treasurer's Report for 1990 was good news. We gave $34,903.77 to Outreach and Service causes which is only $1,100 short of our goal. We paid all bills and had a reasonable balance to begin the new year.

Work on the tower is very near completion. Plumbing has been completed to receive the new dish-washer in the kitchen. One sanctuary stained-glass window has been renovated and two more will be done next week. (They were sagging).

Outreach and Service prepared "care" packages for girls in the Indianapolis Girls home and a package of Christmas gifts and food was taken to a local family.

LAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, $157.94 was collected from the food bowl.

SERVING JANUARY 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and Curt Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Knuckles-SW, C. Long-NW, N. Mennewisch, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. C. Hatten-SW, J. Kelly-NW, B. Kelly-SE, D. Ross-NE, L. Ross, M. Smith, R. Stover, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, W. Bowen, H. Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Keebortz - L. Brey
D. Graham - K. Graham
B. Franklin - M. Champion
P.Mullen-J.Bushey-M.Smith

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Karen Bushey

ACOLYTES

Nolin Melchi & Spiro Olympidis

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Kathy Blocher

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION

	1-6-91	AVER. YTD
Worship Attend.	165	165
Budget Giving	$6,027.44	$6,027.44
Needed Weekly:	$4,266.27	

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. CYF to Martin Luther King's Service - meet at the church
7:00 P.M. Martin Luther King's Service at Plymouth

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

OFFICE CLOSED IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings (Property will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Property Committee

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

5:30 P.M. Carillon
5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 A.M. CYF Ski Trip

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 4

Mike Walsh (28)
Bill Kenley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Jaynie Bonahoom (29)
Jack Bennett (29)
Martha Warner (30)
Jim Sands (1)
Bobbi Lindsay (1)
Judy Mey (2)
Anita Fitch (2)
Patricia Endly (3)
Ruth Yentes (4)
Roger Gross (4)
Eric Mory (4)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Christy Koerner (4)
Wanda Hamm (4)

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IT IS WAR

As I write we are well into the first 24 hours of war with Iraq. Political and military "analysts" have been filling the airwaves. Hard news of the conflict is not readily available. One of the horrible things about war is the death and maiming of human beings. So, my number one concern and prayer is for the safety, physical, mental and spiritual, of our loved ones. My next prayer is that the conflict will end soon with a minimum of human suffering on either side.

We wonder what is happening from moment to moment. We watch our TV or listen to our radios for some new report of action and results. Do you wonder what God is doing or what God is thinking. Even with all of my training, study and experience I would be foolish to claim knowledge of what God is thinking right now. Perhaps God would be pleased to hear in our prayers some words of confession along with our sincere pleas for the end of the killing....confession for our part in the human drama that leads to war.

As much as I hate war, I now pray for the success of our military, and even more for the success of diplomacy once the fighting is over.

Shalom,

Dick K.

YOUNG ADULTS TO LEAD WORSHIP

This Sunday, our worship will be planned and led by the Young Adults of our congregation with the theme of "SOWER AND SEED." Shelley Atkins will sing a solo, and the chancel choir will sing. Plan to worship God this Sunday with us.

BE A FRIEND...BRING A FRIEND, FEBRUARY 10

February 10 is "Bring-a-Friend" Sunday in our church. Now is the time for you to be planning whom you will bring. You are being a friend, a true friend, when you bring someone to church. Our worship will be exceptionally bright and uplifting. The message will tell about the really important business of the church. Bring a friend and introduce your friend to others in our congregation. That is Sunday, February 10.

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FORUM
Guest:
Janet Satterfield
COMMUNITY
HARVEST FOOD
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Feb. 17 - 9:30 am

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9:00 - 2:00
Catered Lunch $5
Leader: Margaret
McCray-Worrall

CONCERNS & JOYS (AS OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1991)

Terry King is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.
Roger Gross is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.
Edith Roush is a patient at Parkview Hospital.
Our prayers are with those in the Persian Gulf, Bryce Stover and Stephen Marshall, and their families.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all who sent cards and letters to me during Christmas time. It has meant alot to me.

Stephen Marshall
(Dick & Judy Mey's son-in-law)

CYF

TENTATIVE CYF CALENDAR FOR 1991:

Ski trip set for Saturday, January 26 - $32.00 each plus supper money. Brown bag for lunch. Leave at 7:00 a.m. Back by 11:00 p.m. You can bring 1 friend - need to get permission slips signed before the 26th.

CHI RHO

January 27 - Super Bowl Party

Congregational

Entries due by noon Feb. 9

SKI TRIP

The young adult group is sponsoring a ski trip on Saturday, February 9. The ski trip is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to go. We will leave early Saturday morning and return late that evening. More details of the trip to come. If you are interested, please contact the church office by February 1.

CWF's Rachel Circle is again collecting Christmas cards and cancelled stamps. Please bring them to the church and place in boxes in Fellowship Hall.

YOUNG ADULTS

Other events in January and February:

Saturday, January 26 - Practice for worship service
Sunday, January 27 - Young adults lead worship service
Saturday, February 9 - Ski trip

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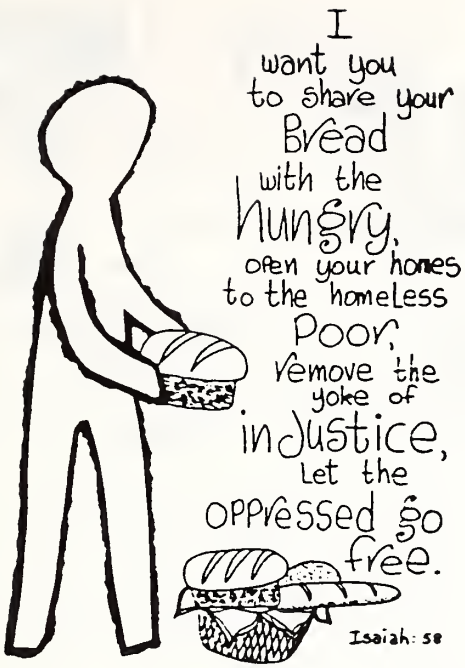

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL

In the Book of Acts Christians reacted quickly and generously to natural disaster. With "a severe famine...the disciples determined that...each would send relief." (See Acts 11:27-30)

The Week of Compassion carries on that noble tradition on behalf of the whole Disciples family. When Hurricane Hugo hit last year, the Week of Compassion responded with nearly $150,000 to help with recovery. Nearly $50,000 aided people in northern California to rebuild following last year's devastating earthquake.

We can't prevent suffering caused by tornados, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and drought around the globe. We can rarely repair things as good as new. But we can care, we can express our love, and we can do things which won't be done without our help.

A contribution of $100 to the Week of Compassion can provide oral rehydration therapy packets for 526 children in Ethiopia. Please join me in being generous. Let's "FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE."

YOU CAN HELP FILL THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL OF ALL!!

Make the Week of Compassion a time for intercessory prayer:

Thank God for Dr. Julia Weeks, Dr. Buoto Somatoko, Michael Allen and all who minister in the Bolenge Hospital in Zaire. Pray that progress will be made in dealing with the health care needs in Zaire.

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LAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, $60.00 was collected from the food bowl, making a grand total of $217.94.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who has dishes that were left after Christmas, please pick them up as soon as possible. Thank you.
Edna Nordblom

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, February 12, 11:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, Southtown Mall.

1990 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS may be picked up in the Narthex this Sunday.

Our sympathy is extended to Cheryl Busse and her family in the recent death of her mother.

SERVING JANUARY 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck and John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. G. Brown-SW, M. Champion-NW, K. Graham, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. J. Atkins-SW, J. Franklin-NW, C. Linn-SE, M. Rieke-NE, E. Rieke, D. Rinker, K. Tobias, M. Walsh

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, H. Banet, T. Knuckles

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Alison Knappenberger

ACOLYTES

Collin Miller & George Smith

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Roger & Anne Moll

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Barbara Hayes

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION:

	1-13-91	AVER. YTD
Worship Attend.	180	173
Budget Giving	$4,020.04	$5,023.74
Needed Weekly:	$4,266.27	

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 A.M. CYF Ski Trip

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

6:00 P.M. Area I Board Meeting at Saturn

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

5:30 P.M. Carillon

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 5-11

Susan Knuckles (6)
Stan Horine (6)
Elinor Place (7)
Anne Moll (7)
Larry Brey (7)
Nancy Smith (8)
Sharon Ellis (9)
Betty Harter (9)
Kenneth Place (10)
Rose Newton (10)
Cheri Tobias (11)
Kent Gaskill (11)
Marvin Crouse (11)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kevin Byrket, son of Charles & Jewel Byrket, made his confession of faith on Sunday, January 20, 1991 and was then baptized on Sunday, January 27. He lives with his wife, Rebecca, and son, Adam, at 3118 Willow Oaks Drive 09. Welcome, Kevin!

SCOUTS THIS SUNDAY

All active Boy Scouts are asked to wear their uniforms to the 10:45 a.m. worship service this Sunday, February 3, in honor of Boy Scout Sunday. Several scouts will have active parts in the service. Dr. William Kerley is a new Scout Troop leader and invites boy scouts from all troops to sit together in uniform.

BRING A FRIEND, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Have you decided whom you will bring to church, Sunday, February 10? Do it! Bring a friend with you. Choose someone who does not go to church. Do that person a huge favor by bringing them to your church. And if you can, have your friend or friends stay for the Birthday Dinner following the 10:45 service. Help your friend meet people while here. (Maybe the person you bring is only an acquaintance now, but may become a friend).

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

You are invited to attend the All Church Birthday Dinner on Sunday, February 10. Rolls, drinks and cake will be furnished. Please bring one dish of the following: Salads, vegetables, or a meat casserole. You may sign up at church this Sunday or call the church office at 744-3239. You will sit with other folks who celebrate their birthday the same month as you.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

If you are a young person interested in the possibility of being baptized and joining the church, please call Linn at 744-3239 for more information and to indicate your interest. There will be a meeting for you and your parents Sunday, February 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

At this meeting we will pair you with a mentor or guide as well as begin our study.

We need to know if you wish to participate so there is a guide for each person. Please call Linn ASAP.

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

On Sunday, February 10 the K-5th grades will be painting T-shirts. We will welcome anyone who would like to paint a T-shirt (adults included). Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Bring a T-shirt (light colors, please). Paint will be supplied.

You are Invited:
CWF Retreat
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February 9th
9:00 - 2:00
Catered Lunch $5
Leader: Margaret McCray-Worrall

YOUTH/ADULT
FORUM
Guest:
Janet Satterfield
COMMUNITY HARVEST FOOD BANK
Feb. 17 - 9:30 am

Congregational

Entries due by noon
Feb. 9

CONCERNS & JOYS

Bill Lehman has gone home from the Medco Center.
Terry King has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.
Mildred Hutchinson has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.
Roger Gross has gone home from St. Joseph Medical Center.
Thelma Onion, mother of Donna McEvoy, has gone home from St. Joseph Medical Center.
Edith Roush is a patient at Parkview.
Raymond Sarrazin has gone home from Parkview.

Our prayers are with Bette Haines and Dorothy Overmyer who are undergoing tests and treatments.

Our sympathy is extended to Dorothy Schmidt whose brother died this past week.

Our sympathy is extended also to Jan Nunn, whose mother died this past week.

Mr. & Mrs. Don Parlette attended the wedding of their daughter Doris to Thomas C. Hinesley at their home in Bloomington, Indiana on Saturday, January 19.

Our prayers are with those in the Persian Gulf, Bryce Stover and Stephen Marshall. Their addresses are:

MMFA Bryce Stover
USS Midway, CV41 M Div.
FPO San Francisco
California 96631-2710

S. Sgt. Stephen Marshall
Operation Desert Storm
1-502-HHC-S3 USAF
101 Airborne Air Assault
APO New York 09309

THANK YOUS

The Carillon thanks Judy Church for hosting a lasagna luncheon so they could see the videos of their Bell ringing at Christmas.....and thanks Ralph, for taking the pictures! It was great fun and a super luncheon!

Many thanks to Dave Kresicher, Charles Hatten, Vincent Wells, and John Perry for installing the wiring for the new dishwasher that will be installed this week in the kitchen!

CHI RHO

February 2, Saturday - tobogganing at Pokagon. Meet at church at 10:00 a.m. Bring sack lunch and $2.00. Return about 3:30 p.m.
February 10 - Games and discussion about Group Building (4:30 - 6:00 p.m.)
February 17 - Learn about CPR
February 24 - Roller Skating

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SKI TRIP

The young adult group is sponsoring a ski trip to Timberridge on Saturday, February 9. The ski trip is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to go. We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return later that night. Lift tickets are $18.00 and ski rental is $13.00. If you are interested, please contact the church office by February 3.

1990 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS may be picked up in Fellowship Hall.

LAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, $63.50 was collected from the food bowl, making a grand total of $281.44.

FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER .

The war has suddenly multiplied the need for the kind of humanitarian aid our "Food Bowl" emphasis helps make possible. Hundreds of thousands of refugees are expected in Turkey, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Just imagine a group of people the size of Fort Wayne (165,000) suddenly gathering in a refugee camp. Meeting the basic human needs of food, clothing, sanitation and medical care is a staggering job. The drain on our church's relief agencies will be terrific. But, we are already gearing up to meet the need through Church World Service, The Mideast Council of Churches, and our own Week of Compassion office.

I urge you to fill the "food bowl" in the Narthex.

Shalom,

Scott K.

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Trees bind the earth with roots, protect the soil from erosion and reduce the evaporation of water. Without trees the earth is left naked, to be washed away by rain, scorched by the sun and blown away by wind. Deforestation contributes to floods and soil erosion.

The environment is an important concern to the Week of Compassion. In 1990 we helped the people of Arusha in Tanzania begin to reverse the desertification of their region. With education about the effects of deforestation and the importance of conservation practices, each village was helped to plan and implement a forestry project.

A contribution of $10.00 can buy 100 fast growing Luecaena tree seeds.

Planting trees is just one more way the Week of Compassion FILLS THE WORLD WITH LOVE. Thanks for your help!

YOU CAN HELP FILL THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL OF ALL!!

Make the Week of Compassion a time for intercessory prayer:

Give praise to God for the ministry of Disciples minister Joan Sullivan Davis, regional representative for Church World Service in Santiago, Chile. Ask God's blessing on the agricultural projects in Caacupe and Atyra and all other work of the Urban, Rural, and Indigenous Peoples Promotion project in Paraguay.

SERVING FEBRUARY 3

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8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Bill Crouse

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Tom Walsh

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USHERS

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COMMUNION PREPARATION

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Sam Hayes

ACOLYTES

Josie Quick & Julia Searle

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ewing

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

12:00 NOON Jim Grimshaw's PRC Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:30 P.M. Carillon

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Young Adults Ski Trip

9:00 A.M. CWF Retreat

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 12-18

Bill DeVinney (12)
Charles McGrew (12)
Chris McDougle (12)
Kevin Tobias (13)
Virgil Buchanan (13)
Robert Neal (14)
Merle Grimm (14)
Clarence Bozarth (14)
Sara Glasgow (14)
Charles Hatten (15)
Julie Stucky (16)
Edythe Metcalf (16)
Martha Hunt (16)
Karen Doehrman (16)

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	1-20-91	AVERAGE Y-T-D
Worship Attendance	209	185
Budget Giving	$2,684.20	$4,243.89

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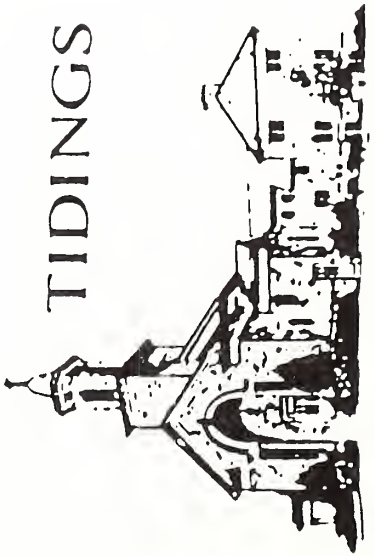

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IMPORTANT WEEK AHEAD...BEGINNING SUNDAY

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BIRTHDAY DINNER THIS SUNDAY

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ARTS AND CRAFTS BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

This Saturday, February 9, entries for the Show will be received in Fellowship Hall between 8:00 a.m. and noon. Entry forms will be on hand. The exhibit starts Sunday and will run through March 3. Hey guys and gals...show us what you can do.

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK

7:00 p.m. Wednesday is our Ash Wednesday Service. This impressive service will help all of us focus our lives on the spiritual journey that takes us closer to Christ these next few weeks. The acts of worship, the solo, the anthem will make your attendance a memorable experience.

AND BEFORE ALL OF THIS....THE WOMEN'S RETREAT: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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If you are a young person interested in the possibility of being baptized and joining the church, please call Linn at 744-3239 for more information and to indicate your interest. There will be a meeting for you and your parents Sunday, February 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

At this meeting we will pair you with a mentor or guide as well as begin our study.

We need to know if you wish to participate so there is a guide for each person. Please call Linn ASAP.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Edith Roush has gone home from Parkview.
Jo Franklin had foot surgery last week and is home recuperating.
Jack Phillips is in Lutheran Hospital.
Ethel Richhart's grandson is also over in the Persion Gulf. His address is:

Sgt. Sherman Ronick
309-80-0004
12th Evacuation Hospital
Operation Desert Storm
APO NEw York 09896

Mrs. Joseph (Phyllis) Fitch is over in Thailand and would love to hear from each and every one of you. Her address is:

229/1 Udonndusadee Road
Udonnhani, 41000 Thailand

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to Sue Brey for redoing all the Bulletin Boards.

Dear Friends of First Christian,

I am thankful for the loving Christian care shown through many cards, calls, perfect cuisine from the Cheer Committee, and the solicitous attention from the ministerial staff. God's blessing on such service.

Sincerely,
Mildred Hutchinson

We are grateful to Judy Mey and Sue Kenley for the yellow ribbons given to the congregation last Sunday.
.....and a special thanks to the Scouts, their leaders and families who joined us in worship.

FROM STEWARDSHIP: A special thank you to the congregation. Your positive response to the Stewardship Campaign has been most heart-warming. The financial commitment to the work of our church is outstanding. We needed you, in this "Matter of the Heart," and you responded. Thank you, thank you! For 1991, a total of $174,797 has been pledged for the work of our church.

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OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE will be going to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen at 12:00 noon on February 13. St. Mary's Soup Kitchen is located at the corner of Lafayette & Washington Streets. If you have any questions or need transportation, call Charles Hatten.

FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

Lent has long been a very special period of preparation for Christians as we get ready for remembering and celebrating the world changing events of Holy Week and Easter. In some traditions that preparation includes fasting. For us, it is a time of concentrated effort to improve our spiritual lives. It is a time when irregular worship attendance is changed to regular attendance...when spotty personal prayer life is changed to daily prayers...when Bible Study is renewed. It is spiritual planting time.

This spiritual journey towards Easter begins with Ash Wednesday. It continues every Sunday morning. We will also be offering four Wednesday evening seminars on the general theme of "Spirituality for Today's World."

I urge you to enter this wonderful, special time with enthusiasm.

Shalom, Dick K.

WELCOME to the following new members who joined last Sunday: Jean Sheets, and Bob & Marge Mitchell. More information next week in Tidings'

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

On Sunday, February 10 the K-5th grades will be painting T-shirts. We will welcome anyone who would like to paint a T-shirt (adults included). Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Bring a T-shirt (light colors, please). Paint will be supplied.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, February 12, 11:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, Southtown Mall.

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL

Contaminated water threatens the health of many children every day. Half of all childhood deaths could be prevented with access to fresh tap water.

In India, as elsewhere, well drilling, spring capping and water tap installation are part of the integrated development program supported by our contribution to the Week of Compassion.

Just $90.00 can provide a tube well hand pump.

Clean water is one more way we can FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE. Thanks for your help.

YOU CAN HELP FILL THE MOST IMPORTANT BOWL OF ALL!!

Make the Week of Compassion a time for intercessory prayer:

Thank God for the work of Major J.K. Michael Director of the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action in New Delhi and P.K. Singh of the CASA office in Calcutta. Pray for the Community Health Service project as it works to improve the water supply and health conditions in Pulivendla, India.

Last Sunday, January 27, $113.45 was collected from the food bowl, making a grand total of $394.89.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, February 12, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

SERVING FEBRUARY 10

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10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Donald Kampenga

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8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, J. Young

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N.Knappenberger,D.Kreischer,D.Rinker

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Charles Hatten

ACOLYTES

Megan Geroff & Kaylie Duncan

NO COFFEE HOUR - BIRTHDAY DINNER

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Alison Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. Deb Knudsen

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 A.M. Young Adults Ski Trip

9:00 A.M. CWF Retreat at FCC Parlor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle at Old Country Buffet, Southtown

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

5:30 P.M. Carillon

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 19-25

Don Crouse (19)
Richard Mennick (20)
Heather Chapin (20)
Florence Huddleston (20)
Steve Hall (22)
Walter Bowen (22)
Susan Rousseau (23)
Anita Ellis (23)
Eunice Conrad (25)
Roger Moll (25)
Dan Church (25)

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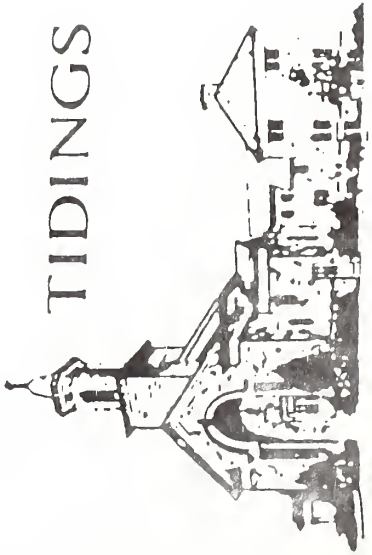

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Sunday, February 3, Bob & Marge Mitchell and Jean Sheets transferred their membership to our congregation. Bob & Marge came in transfer from West Creighton Christian Church. Their address is: 2807 Fairoak 09, phone - 747-4098. Jean Sheets transferred her membership from Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Jean's address is: 2801 Fairoak 09, phone - 478-2812. Welcome!

THIS SUNDAY

YOUTH/ADULT
FORUM
Guest:
Janet Satterfield
COMMUNITY
HARVEST FOOD
BANK
Feb. 17 - 9:30 am

LENT: A TIME FOR TRUE CONVERSION

Lent is so much more than a certain series of days before Easter. Lent is a time for true conversion. It is more than a renewed interest in "church." It is time for a fresh encounter with Christ; more intense instruction in Christ; a deepening of our baptismal convenant.

All of us are in the process of conversion. Conversion means changing things within us. It is not a matter of adding another layer of "goodness" like paint. It is a matter of stripping off some layers that need to go. Old fashioned terms like "penitence" and "repentance" point to our need during Lent. To put our present lives along side Jesus during Lent will prepare us so our participation in Easter may be "an authentic and true dying and rising with Christ to new life in God."

Our Sunday theme: "Uncommon Questions for Common Times" will deal with questions Jesus is asking us. Our Seminar theme: "Spirituality in today's World" will also help us encounter Christ anew and prepare for "an authentic dying and rising with Christ to new life in God" in Holy Week and Easter.

Lent is your opportunity as an individual, and our opportunity as the body of Christ for renewal. Let's do it.

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DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

CONCERNS & JOYS

Jack Phillips has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Majorie Copeland has gone home from Parkview Hospital.

Jo Weyer is home recuperating with a broken leg.

Congratulations to Tim & Sue Ann Burchill, proud parents of twin boys, Zachary James and Andrew Taylor, born on February 5 in Muncie, IN. Proud grandparents are Charles (Bud) and Mary Sue Ludwig and Robert & Adrienne Burchill (from Oak Park, IL).

Our sympathy is extended to Almeda Rice and family in the death of Cecil last Sunday. Our prayers are with her and the family.

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DAILY PRAYER OUTLINE FOR DESERT STORM

Thanks to Keith Watkins and others at CTS for the following outline for daily prayers. There are suggestions to be included everyday and different points of focus for each day.

Pray every day....

.....that armed conflict cease
.....that suffering be relieved
.....that a new era of diplomacy come soon

Daily focus....

Sunday: The heart and soul of the American People
Monday: Israel
Tuesday: The Arab States
Wednesday: World leaders with the power to wage war and to make peace
Thursday: Leaders of other nations
Friday: All who suffer because of war
Saturday: The earth despoiled by war

Concluding prayers every day....

.....Confession of Sin
.....Petition for Insight
.....Petition for Courage

Helpful Scriptures: Isaiah 51:4-8, Is. 52:7-10, Is. 40:28-31, Is. 32:1-8, I Tim. 2:1-4, Romans 8:31-39, Is. 35:1-7, Ps. 91:1-2.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD will meet on Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.
INTERIM STEERING COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19.

FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

Todd Thompson writes about "encouragement" after watching the kicker miss the field goal in the Super Bowl at the last minute. He tells what Kevin McHale says about his former coach with the Boston Celtics, K.C. Jones. K.C. was not always congratulatory when someone did a good job, but whenever someone gave the game away with a last minute failure, K.C. would say "Don't worry, we'll get 'em next time." "Why?" Kevin asked. Jones' response was, "Kevin, after you've made the winning basket, you've got 15,000 people cheering for you, TV stations coming at you and everybody giving you high fives. You don't need me then. When you need a real friend is when you feel that nobody likes you."

"It is the gift of encouragement that gets the kind of result we seek. Children respond well to it...and it nurtures volunteerism in the church and gives rise to spiritual renewal. One cannot be fruitful and multiply his/her gifts in an arena of "booing" fans and Monday morning quarterbacks."

I heartily second what Todd is saying. "Encouragement" is food for the human spirit. Do it often.

Shalom,

FOOD BOWL/WEEK OF COMPASSION FACTS:

The Food Bowl we are filling each Sunday is our own extension of the Week of Compassion offering. Our goal for the Food Bowl/Week of Compassion offering is $1,200. This is much higher than last year's giving for this purpose. We hope to go over the goal, the need is so great. All $1,200 will go to the Week of Compassion office in Indianapolis. Whatever we receive above $1,200 will be divided evenly between the Week of Compassion and our local Food Bank program.

Sunday, February 3, $188.07 was collected, making a grand total of $582.96.

INCREASED GIVING DRAWS THANK YOU

We have just received a letter from the Interim Associate Regional Minister, Charles Blaisdell, thanking your church for our increased giving for Basic Mission Finance (up 20% over 1989) and for Reconciliation (up 54% over 1989). The congratulations belongs to our Outreach and Service Committee and to each of you who contribute. Your giving does make a difference!

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FOR AN ANNIVERSARY FAR AWAY

March 19 is the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and Jane Williams, our mission partners in Lesotho. Our Regional Office suggests a shower of cards which must be in the mail by February 19. If you would like to brighten their day, send a card to:

Bob and Jane Williams
The Theological Seminary
P.O. Box 32
Morija 190, Lesotho.

SERVING FEBRUARY 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Eunice Conrad and Marvin Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Champion-SW, C. Ewing-NW, K. Graham, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. J. Atkins-SW, J. Franklin-NW, J. Kelly-SE, B. Kelly-NE, D. Oden, S. Oden, K. Tobias, M. Walsh

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, H. Banet, E. Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jt.Wecker-D.Harter-J.Hatten
K. Ohneck - T. Knuckles
B. Franklin - S. Kerley
P. Champion - B. Kerley

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J.Atkins,J.Bushey,K.Graham

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Karen Bushey

ACOLYTES

Vickie Plemmons & Katie Moll

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Chi Rho & CYF

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Charles Murray

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Youth/Adult Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
6:30 P.M. Interim Steering Committee
7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:30 P.M. Carillon
5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
7:00 P.M. Chancel choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Edu-Care in Columbus, IN

BIRTHDAYS February 26-March 4

Everett Ehresman (26)
Bill Chappell (26)
Cathy Katt (26)
Tim Briggs (28)
Bill Lehman (28)
Buefond Tharp (1)
Carl Linn (1)
Barbara Busse (1)
Jerry Zimmerman (1)
Ken Feeley (2)
Lee Baugher (2)
Frank Moody (2)
Tom Walsh (4)
Jim Davis (4)

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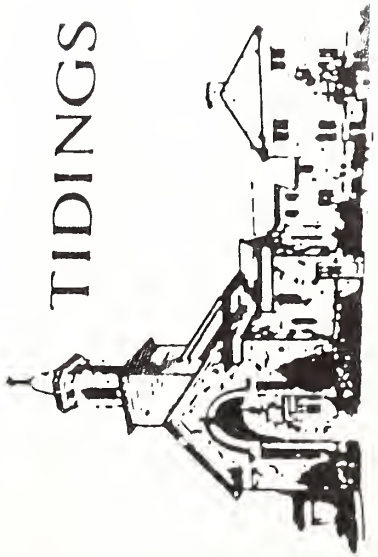

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WEEK OF COMPASSION IS HERE

Because of our Food Bowl we have already collected $788.00 towards our Week of Compassion goal of $1,200. This is the last Sunday for the offering. Place your offering either in one of the Week of Compassion envelopes or in the Food Bowl. Let's go over our goal. The need is so great.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. you are invited to the Annual meeting of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne at Don Hall's Guest House. The dinner will be $8.25 per person including the tip. We have been asked to bring at least a table of 8. Please call the church office if you can go. Prepaid reservations are necessary. This is a good opportunity to learn what all your Associated Churches does.

YOUNG ADULT PERSPECTIVES

You can look forward to a "Trialogue" sermon, March 3, that will discuss issues of special interest to Young Adults. Details next week.

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COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, February 26. Chairs at 7:00 p.m. and committee members at 7:15 p.m. PROPERTY WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. IN THE BALCONY OF THE SANCTUARY.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Thelma Union, Donna McEvoy's mother, is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.
Carrie Ann Roush, Judy Mey's daughter, is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

THANK YOU...

To all who helped with the Ash Wednesday service. To Laura York for organizing the skit; to Kirk Spencer and Ralph Church for leading; to Roger and Dan Moll, Larry Brey, and Mike Stow, cross bearers; Dick Mey for preparing the cross; Eunice Conrad, Bill Kerley, Dave Kreischer, Jean McGrew, Sharon Pauley for the skit; Katie Kilgore for preparing the ashes; all the choir members; Sara Davis, organist; and Chuck McGrew for the ushers.

Dick, Helen, Linn

Thanks to Andy Cook who writes from Florida:

Had a wonderful meal last night and thought of those with nothing to eat. Hope this donation helps meet the goal of Week of Compassion.
Love to all,

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March 1 & 2 - Lock In and Dance

CHI RHO DANCE & LOCK-IN

The Chi Rho dance and lock-in will start at 7:00 Friday night March 1. Please bring $1.00 and a bag of chips (or bottle of pop) to get into the dance. The dance will end at 10:30. For those staying all night, we will rise and shine at 8:00 for breakfast Saturday morning, clean the church, and then your parents can pick you up at 10:00. Please bring an extra $2.00 if you will stay all night for pizza and donuts.

All those coming to either the dance or staying all night, you need to fill out a permission slip and return it to the church office. If you do not have one, please call the church office (744-3239).

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FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

MEANING FOR LIFE

Do our lives have any meaning? Many people are searching for meaning for their own lives. Who was it sang "Is That All There Is?" In "The Dead Poet's Society" a young college student was caught between the "Do as I say" attitude of his father and the "follow your heart" attitude of his beloved professor. Each life seeks meaning.

Lent is about meaning for life. Your life has special meaning because someone died for you. I have known people whose life took on new meaning when someone died for them. An example familiar to all of us is the athletic team that plays extra hard, dedicating the game or the season to a lost team member. Remember Rockne's "win one for the Gipper."

There is a divine power at the root of this life. That divine power became flesh and dwelt among us, fully, as a human being. That human being died for you. That gives your life special meaning. You are living for more than yourself....more than your family....you are living for the one who died for you.

Shalom,

Dick K.

SYMBOLS AT THE TABLE

The recent Search Institute study of what factors affect faith development indicated that the degree to which parents talked with their children about their faith was very significant in faith development. It is important to help equip our families with ways of discussing the faith at home. The following suggestion may give you some suggestions for Holy Week. Setting your table with Easter symbols can illustrate the events of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday: Place a palm leaf, fern frond or even a green paper leaf in the center of the table. The table itself, representing the one where Christ served his disciples the Last Supper, can be your dining table. Read from John 12:13.

Monday: Add a small bowl of water with a folded napkin or towel. Read John 13:5. Talk about the humility and service that Jesus showed by these acts.

Tuesday: Place on the table a picture or molded clay figure of praying hands. Read Luke 22:41. Sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Wednesday: Add a picture or ceramic figure of a rooster. Read Luke 23:34. Conclude by praying together or singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Thursday: Make a crown of thorns by twisting rough twigs, a rose stem or weed stalks together. Take turns feeling the crown before placing it on the table. Emphasize that this symbol of power and royalty was used to mock Jesus. Read Mark 15:17. Sing or repeat the words to "Oh, Sacred Head Now Wounded."

Friday: Make a small cross of sticks. Read Luke 23:26-33. Explain that Christ chose the way of suffering to show love for us. Sing or repeat the words of the 3rd verse of "Oh, Sacred Head."

Saturday: Gather around the table filled with Holy Week Symbols. After a time of silent meditation, join hands and sing "Were You There?"

Easter: Place a lily or other blooming plant in the center of the other symbols. Read John 11:25. Center discussion around the lily bulb that is buried in dirt but which grows into a beautiful plant in the spring. Compare Christ's burial and resurrection with the lily. Conclude by singing one of the joyful Easter hymns.

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Kyle Kerley & Nolin Melchi

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Donna McEvoy

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Lindsay

10:45 A.M. Linda Stover

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Chi Rho-Roller Skating

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs

7:15 P.M. Committees (PROPERTY WILL NOT MEET)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Property Committee will meet in the Sanctuary Balcony

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:30 P.M. Carillon

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 P.M. Chi Rho dance and lock-in

FRIDAY, MARCH 1-SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Edu-Care in Lansing, MI

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 5-11

Benjamin McCarel (5)

Jane Fisher (7)

Bob Orr (7)

Cora Ann Harnish (7)

Jenny Warner (8)

Kathleen Simon (10)

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	2-10-91	AVERAGE YTD
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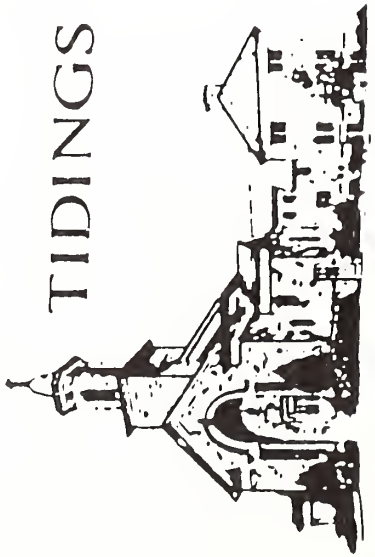

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MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY:

Good food...good fellowship and a program about "Prophets: Then and Now" will be the order this Saturday, March 2, 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room. Come, eat breakfast with men like yourself. Dr. Kilgore will lead the program. Charlie Hatten is chief chef.

TRIALOGUE THIS SUNDAY

Kathy Blocker, Jim Grimshaw and Dr. Kilgore will present a "trialogue" sermon answering Jesus' question "What do you want me to do for you?" (Luke 18:41) from the perspective of various age groups in today's adult population. What issues are of special concern to adults in transition? Are there things that adults want from the church...from Christ? Worship with us this Sunday, March 3, at 8:15 or 10:45.

WEEK OF COMPASSION OVER THE TOP!

Congratulations! Your use of the "Food Bowl" through January and February, added to the envelope offerings for the Week of Compassion, has put us over the goal we set for ourselves. You have given a total of $1,707.46. Of this $1,453.73 goes to the Week of Compassion office and $253.73 to our local Food Bank.

You will be glad to know that 92¢ of every dollar we give to the Week of Compassion goes directly to food, agricultural, health, disaster relief, refugee aid, etc. Administrative costs are less than 8% of receipts.

Congratulations to Charlie Hatten and the Outreach and Service team, too.

LENTEN STUDY

Mark your calendars now for an exciting 3 week Lenten study on spirituality. Explore prayer, issues of power and the spirituality of education.

We will meet in 3 different homes from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday evenings March 6, 13, & 20. Meet your First Church neighbors in your part of the city. In this season of reflection, take some time out for reflection.

If your zip code is: 46802, 03, 04, 16, 19 and 46774 your hosts are Sue & Larry Brey, 3005 Linden Drive, 447-3540.

46806, 07 your hosts are Pat & Mike Mullen, 4330 S. Harrison St., 745-9154.

46805, 15, 25, 35, & 45 - your host is Kathy Blocher, 2521 Clara Avenue, 482-5817.

If you do not see your zip code listed, and would like to attend, call the church office.

Please call the church office and let us know which group you will attend. Each group will have the same presentations because the leaders will rotate between the locations. However, you will go to the same house each Wednesday.

Leaders will be Judy Church, Linn Bartling and Dick Kilgore.

Questions? Call Linn at 744-3239.

BABY DEDICATION LAST SUNDAY

Mike & Laura McFarland dedicated their daughter Shelby, last Sunday, February 17. God bless you!

YOUNG ADULTS

The young adult group will be serving lunch at the Rescue Mission on Saturday, March 9. We will help them serve the noon meal and get a tour of the Mission to learn more about this ministry in our city. Please meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday We will be done around 1:00 p.m.

The Coffee Club will convene this Sunday, March 3 at the tables in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Bring your coffee cup and ideas for this new Sunday morning experience. Issues of war and peace in the Middle East will be considered.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Thelma Onion, Donna McEvoy's mother, is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.
Robert Smith is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.
Kenneth Hunt had a cornea transplant at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis on February 11.
Becky Krull has gone home from Parkview Hospital.
Herb Banet has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

THANK YOU...

Thank you all for the cards, good food, and many calls when I had my foot surgery.
Jo Franklin

We wish to thank all who donated food for our dinner. Also, many thanks to Evelyn Yeoman and the ladies who helped deliver the food. We appreciated it greatly.
Almeda, Judy, Tom, Anne, & Susan

Check out the new ceiling at the west end of Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Larry Brey, Vince Wells, Dave Kreischer, and John Perry for the new, brighter look. The old ceiling now looks dingy. Are there any painters out there who would have some time to volunteer? Please call Linn at 744-3239 if you can help out.

TENTATIVE DATES & TOPICS:

CYF:

March 3 - Stress - 4:30 p.m.
March 17 - Suicide - 4:30 p.m.
March 31 - No Meeting
April 7 - No Meeting

CHI RHO:

March 1 & 2 - Lock In and Dance

CHI RHO DANCE & LOCK-IN

The Chi Rho dance and lock-in will start at 7:00 Friday night March 1. Please bring $1.00 and a bag of chips (or bottle of pop) to get into the dance. The dance will end at 10:30. For those staying all night, we will rise and shine at 8:00 for breakfast Saturday morning, clean the church, and then your parents can pick you up at 10:00. Please bring an extra $2.00 if you will stay all night for pizza and donuts.

All those coming to either the dance or staying all night, you need to fill out a permission slip and return it to the church office. If you do not have one, please call the church office (744-3239).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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7TH - 12TH GRADERS join Marlo Quick and Deb Miller for the Breakfast Club on third floor starting this Sunday.

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON.....
AND A TIME TO LOVE

This is the theme of the Festival Choir's concert program for 1991. It is from Ecclesiastes 3 and Galatians 4 -- the first scripture of the way things really are, and the second scripture of the way they really can be. We are one people with one God who loves us. Peace will never come without friendship.

The program includes a number of spirituals, for inherent in them is hope, and a longing for a happier day. The Festival Bells will be ringing alone and with the choir. An offering will be received which will help with the expenses of the choirs tour to Nashville, Rossville, GA., Athens, Ala., Atlanta, Laurens, S.C., Asheville, N.C., and Dayton, Ohio, June 8-16.

The Festival Choir will be in concert at First Christian, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. If this date is inconvenient and you want to hear the choir, it will be on the following schedule:

March 10 - Faith United Methodist Church
Clinton at Dewald - 7:00 p.m.

March 17 - Trinity United Methodist Church
609 Putnam - 7:00 p.m.

March 24 - Christ United Methodist Church
1101 McKinnie - 4:00 p.m.

April 14 - West Creighton Christian Church
845 West Creighton Ave. - 5:00 p.m.

April 28 - First Christian Church
4800 S. Calhoun St. - 7:00 p.m.

May 5 - Peace United Church of Christ
9123 Aboite Center Road - 4:30 p.m.

May 19 - Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church
1232 Crescent Avenue - 6:30 p.m.

Members of the choir from First Christian are: Rose and Jim Newton, Rose Gaskill, Kris Ohneck, Tracy Critell, Katie Kilgore, Melissa Orr, and Helen Donnell. The accompanist is Phil Zimmerman.

CANDIDATE-GUIDE PROGRAM

The candidate-guide program leading to baptism and membership is off to a good start. Those participating are:

Guide	Candidate
Larry Brey	Michael Stow
Eunice Conrad	Kaylie Duncan
Bill Franklin	Adam Falbe
Brenda Kelly	Christie Glasgow
Katie Kilgore	Dustin McEvoy
Dick Mey	Brian Busse
Deb Miller	Josie Quick
Pat Mullen	Katie Moll
Kris Ohneck	Chandra Duncan
Mike Stow	D.J. Rinker

The candidates will be presented to the congregation at the Maundy Thursday service and will be baptized Easter Sunday. Thanks to the guides who are providing a faith link with the next generation of the faithful.

SERVING MARCH 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Ewing-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, K. Graham, P. Tobias

10:45 A.M. L. Brey-SW, B. Kelly-NW, J. Kelly-SE, M. Mullen-NE, C. Murray, S. Murray, M. Quick, J. Smith

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, D. Kreischer, G. Vanderwall

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Vanderwall - C. Long
J. Church - C. Hatten
D. Graham - C. Linn
T. Walsh - D. Kreischer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M.Champion,M.Mullen,M.Quick

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sam Hayes

ACOLYTES

Spiro Olympidis & Josie Quick

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. James Newton

NAOMI GROUP will meet on Thursday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Truby's, 2445 Fairfield, Apt. 301

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION

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Budget Giving	$2,117.00	$3,605.54

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Breakfast Club - 7-12th Graders
9:30 A.M. Coffee Club in Fellowship Hall
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. CYF

MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Lenten Seminars

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

5:30 P.M. Carillon
5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, MARCh 9

10:00 A.M. Young Adults meet at the church to serve lunch at the Rescue Mission

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BIRTHDAYS MARCH 12-18
Florence Palmer (12)
Kevin Mory (12)
Scott Wright (12)
Jean Chappell (12)
Mark Zimmerman (12)
Sarah Feeley (12)
Carole Overmyer (15)
Mike Akers (15)
Stephen Ludwig (15)
Bob Ogles (16)
George Bruckman (16)
Max Finkhousen (17)
Mike Novachcoff (17)
Gordon Howell (18)

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Sunday, March 10 - Sermon: "What person of you does not leave the ninety and nine and go after the one which is lost?"

March 13 & 20 - Lenten Seminars - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 17 - Sermon: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Saturday, March 23 - Guides/Candidates/Parents Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 23 - Sacrificial Meal - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sermon: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Sunday, March 24 - Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday Service - 1:00 p.m.
Calvary Presbyterian Church
4700 S. Anthony Blvd.

Friday, March 29 - Prayer Chain begins - 3:00 p.m.

March 31 - Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 7:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sermon: "Was it necessary that Christ suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

NEW ADULT CLASS SUNDAY

ADULTS IN TRANSITION....Change is a powerful factor in many adult lives these days. Adults are in transition. This four-week discussion group will talk about issues that are of special concern. Care of aging parents; problems with raising children; career decisions; relationships, are some of the issues we can discuss. Jim Grimshaw, Kathy Blocher, and Dr. Kilgore will lead this discussion group which is for young adults plus any adults who are in transition.

COFFEE CLUB....Meet in the west end of the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Bring your coffee cup.

BREAKFAST CLUB FOR YOUTH

7th thru 12th graders are invited to join Marlo Quick and Deb Miller for the Breakfast Club on the third floor at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Our prayers are with the family of Helen Steigerwald, who died last week.
Thelma Onion, Donna McEvoy's mother, is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.
Robert Smith has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.
Ardith Wrisk has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.
Ken Nunn's grandmother, Lola Reed, died this past week. Our prayers are with Ken and Jan and the family.

THANK YOU...

We thank all for your love and support over these past months and years. The funeral service will live in our memory. We wish to thank those who watched our home and prepared food for our family. Your presence with us, your cards, and your prayers have meant more than we can express.

Almeda Rice, and Tom, Judy, Anne, and Susan Hayhurst

TENTATIVE DATES & TOPICS:

CYF:

March 17 - Suicide - 4:30 p.m.
March 31 - No Meeting
April 7 - No Meeting

CHI RHO:

March 10 - Assemble Nursing Home Easter Gifts
March 17 - Deliver Nursing Home Easter Gifts
March 24 - Bowling
March 29-30 - Sign up for Prayer Chain
March 31 - No meeting. Enjoy Easter with your family.

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PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer chain sign up will begin March 3. The sign up board is in Fellowship Hall. The time slots are 1 hour. Security guards are needed for 4 hour shifts. If questions or problems, contact Kris Ohneck (work-428-6212) or (home-447-2833).

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The search committee has been working very hard. It has reviewed many resume's and talked with a number of candidates. The committee continues to press on towards the goal of a solid recommendation for Senior Pastor.

PLEASE NOTE

Did you bring an oblong pyrex dish in a wicker basket to the birthday dinner at FCC? If so, please check to see if you might have accidently taken my wicker basket home by mistake. The letter "Z" is written inside and on the bottom. Your basket is waiting for you in the church kitchen. Thank you!

Sandy Zimmerman

FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

When you are thinking about your attendance in worship or your financial contribution it is easy to think "my absence or my contribution won't make much difference." There are two mistakes (at least) in that thinking. The first is that there is a living God who does care about you and you alone. God cares when you miss. The second is that you may not be the only one thinking that way and the result can snowball.

Giving for January and February is an example. While we did a magnificent job giving to the Week of Compassion, we fell way short with our basic giving. Our program expenses for the two months were $3,000.00 more than our income. That practically destroyed our surplus, leaving only $780.00 on hand.

Please bring your giving up-to-date and renew the witness of your regular participation in worship.

Shalom,

Dick

THANK GOD.....

What glorious news this past week.....that the war is apparently at an end. We have great cause to rejoice that the fighting is over and our men and women in the armed services have done an outstanding job.

Sadness remains for those killed or seriously injured. Our prayers are with all the families of those men and women.

I believe that God wants peace, so I must believe that God's will came to pass when the fighting ended. We can include God in our prayers of thanksgiving. Now comes the difficult part.....establishing a just peace in the area that will last and benefit all the people in that area. Let us pray for that.

Dick

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THE LENTEN STUDIES will meet on Wednesdays, March 13 & 20 at 7:00 p.m. Call the church office if interested.

***In order to effectively minister, church leaders must establish priorities for their work. We must first be committed to Christ, then to one another in Christ, and finally to the work of Christ in the world.*

Copied - Ray Ortlund

THANK YOU

We appreciate very much the idea of the Trialogue and the work of Kathy, Jim, and Dick in putting it together for the sermon March 3. Thank you, too, to Kirk Spencer who was the soloist. It was a memorable service.

SERVING MARCH 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher-SW, G. Brown-NW, M. Champion, N. Knappenberger

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9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Breakfast Club - 7th-12th Graders

9:30 A.M. Adults in Transition Class

9:30 A.M. Coffee Club

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle at MCL, Southtown

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Lenten Seminars

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

5:30 P.M. Carillon

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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Clara Wells (19)
Vincent Wells (19)
Pauline Auer (20)
Ruby Mowery (20)
Bill Halbrook (21)
Christine Dailey (22)
Lou Simmons (22)
Julia Brita (22)
Pearl Heidecker (22)
Tom Banet (22)
Steve Grimm (23)
Terry King (23)
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BOB'S CLASS.....SUNDAYS.....9:30 A.M.....UPSTAIRS.....BE THERE.....(GRADES 6th-12th).

BREAD FOR THE WORLD will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 1991 at 6:00 p.m.

INTERIM STEERING COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 1991 at 6:30 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Thelma Onion will be released this week to Woodview Nursing Home for recovery.

Our prayers go out for Myrtle DeVinney who suffered severe burns on the tips of her fingers. The accident happened on January 20 and she is still undergoing treatment.

Dick & Judy Mey has received confirmation that their son-in-law, Stephen Marshall will be home around Easter!

Bill Lehman is a patient at Parkview.

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"CALLING ALL PARENTS"....

The up-coming summer will provide our youth with many choices as to how to spend their vacation time. Their choices are unlimited. When considering summer opportunities with your child, we invite you to consider one such event as a major investment in your child's future. That investment is church camp. Consider it a spiritual one.

Hundreds of today's church lay leaders and clergy have testified that many of the seeds of their faith were rooted deeper at summer church camp.

Church camping gives our youth the opportunity to experience a variety of facets of living within a wider community in the out-of-doors.

What does church camp have to offer youth? How about swimming, boating (at Lake Barbee), crafts, music, hiking, cook-outs, worship, creative Bible and spiritual instruction, organized recreation, a natural environment and counselors dedicated to witnessing their faith in Jesus Christ. Camps are designed for youth entering grade three and older.

The Commission on Camps of the Christian Church in Indiana has worked hard during the last several years to design a program to meet the many needs of campers--social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual. Also, most importantly, church camp is FUN!

Let's try not to think of church camp this summer as just another event to choose from, but as a tool for your youth to build spiritual foundations for life. Church camp isn't just an event...it's a future!

For more information on church camp, see Linn Bartling.

FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

"Let's eat supper together. Great! Come over to my house this evening." Eating together brings people closer together. Eating together is a mark of closeness that already exists. This is what Jesus did. The night before his crucifixion he ate with his closest friends. We call it the "Last Supper."

That is what we do on Maundy Thursday. Jesus calls us, his closest friends, to eat with him. Communion on that special night is very sacred. Our service Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. will help us connect the present with the past. All of Jesus' friends are invited to this Lord's Supper.

In this chaotic world of today, we need to walk through Jesus' last week with him: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday. These are not just traditional services. These are opportunities for us to re-set our lives in tune with our Lord. I hope you can take part.

Shalom,

Dick K.

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY'S SPEAKER

The Rev. Dr. Margaret McCray-Worrall, Pastoral Counselor for First Christian is an ordained Presbyterian Minister with a Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling from McCormick Theological Seminary. She is a former Campus Minister and is Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church.

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A TWO HOUR SEMINAR will be hosted by The Towne House Retirement Community on "Personal Estate and Health Care Planning" on Thursday, March 14, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Gordon D. Wishard, partner in the prestigious Indianapolis based law firm of Ice Miller Donadio & Ryan, will present this program. Personal health care authorization, "durable" powers of attorney, living wills (or life prolonging procedures declarations), wills, and trusts are among the topics Wishard will address. Ample opportunities will also be available for the audience to ask their specific questions.

With over twenty years of professional legal experience, Gordon Wishard is currently secretary of the Board of Managers of the Indianapolis Bar Association and a member of the Council for Probate, Trust and Real Property Section of the Indiana State Bar Association. Additionally, Wishard is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Mr. Wishard's seminar is open to anyone in the community. There is no charge for the program, however, reservations are encouraged and may be made by contacting them at 483-3116.

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FOUND IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT.....

A silver pen with "GRANDPA" engraved on it. Call the church office (744-3239) to claim.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Adults in Transition in Fellowship Hall
9:30 A.M. Breakfast Club - 6th-12th Graders
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. CYF
4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

MONDAY, MARCH 18

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
12:00 NOON Jim Grimshaw's PRC Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
6:30 P.M. Interim Steering Committee
7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Lenten Seminars

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7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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9:00 A.M. Guides/Candidates/Parents Meeting
10:30 A.M. Sacrificial Meal

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 26-APRIL 1

Edwin Hall (27)
James Buchanan (28)
Lelia Arnos (28)
Linda Hendrickson (28)
Sylvia Smith (29)
Connie Wells (30)
Pam Akers (30)
Margaret Champion (30)
Chris Murray (30)
Paul Yentes (1)
Gladys Harshbarger (1)

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Saturday, March 23 - Sacrificial Meal - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sermon: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Sunday, March 24 - Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m.
Candidates presented to congregation.

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EASTER
EGG HUNT

SUNDAY MARCH 24
DURING EXTENDED
SESSION
EASTER FUN
9:30 A.M. ALSO!
PRIMARY CLASSROOM

MAUNDY.....MAUNDY!

Coming closer to our Lord is the goal of the Maundy Thursday service, March 28, 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Prayer, music, meditation, the voice of the past, the voice of the present and communion. You will be glad you came.

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer chain sign up has begun. The sign up board is in Fellowship Hall. The time slots are 1 hour. Security guards are needed for 4 hour shifts. If questions or problems, contact Kris Ohneck (work-428-6212) or (home-447-2833).

COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, March 26, 1991 at 7:15 p.m. Chairs will meet at 7:00. STEWARDSHIP AND PROPERTY WILL NOT MEET. PROPERTY WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 AT 7:00 P.M.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Bill Lehman is doing well and hopes to go home early week from Parkview Hospital.
Jane Harts has gone home from St. Joseph Medical Center.

TENTATIVE DATES & TOPICS:

CYF:

March 31 - No Meeting
April 7 - No Meeting
April 14 - Plan for Youth Sunday - 4:30 P.M.

CHI RHO:

March 24 - Bowling - Meet at 4:00 P.M. instead of 4:30. Bring $5.00.
March 29-30 - Sign up for Prayer Chain
March 31 - No meeting. Enjoy Easter with your family.
April 7 - Pizza and movie

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

Holy Week is upon us. The high point of the christian year is here. Do you remember past Palm Sundays in your life? What a celebration that is! And how about those communion services. Candlelite communion we used to call if. Good Friday tells us about the crucifixion. I always wondered why it was called "Good" Friday. Then the quiet time alone in the prayer room for the prayer chain. That is a time that brings us close to the living God. Then comes glorious Easter.....sunrise service, breakfast, flowers, new life, WOW!

We really need the uplift of Holy Week. God provides for us.

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CALLING ON SUNDAY'S VISITORS

HOW SOON	BY LAITY	BY CLERGY
Within 36 hours	85% return the following Sunday	43% return
Within 72 hours	60% return	30% return
7 days later	15% return	8% return

"In congregations in which layperson do not call on visitors, 7 to 12 percent of first-time worship visitors eventually become members.....With a good "immediate response" program, the rate of eventual joiners can rise to 30 percent."

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORT

Needs in Kuwait and Iraq are massive. Safe water unavailable, sanitation systems ruined. Medicines, baby formula, milk urgently needed. Two Middle East Council of Churches shipments of medicine and baby formula have arrived. A third (32 tons of medicine) will arrive Wednesday. MECC staff in Baghdad.

Two camps in Jordan providing day to day care for refugees, i.e. tents, blankets, mattresses, sanitation equipment, food, kitchen utensils, clothes and medical care. Curfew, returning Palestinians, loss of income and inadequate food supply create much suffering in occupied territories of Israel. Food, temporary financial assistance, medicine, food for farm animals is needed.

Week of Compassion will increase its emergency grant to $30,000. YOUR CONTRIBUTION MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO EXPRESS CHRISTIAN COMPASSION.

Your offering is helping.

SERVING MARCH 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Donald Kampenga and Marvin Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

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Ellen & Greg Duncan

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Kris Ohneck

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EASTER OFFERING

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SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION

	3-10-91	AVER.YTD
Worship Attend.	201	188
Budget Giving	$2,781.62	$3,593.08
NEEDED WEEKLY:	$4,266.27	

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4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:15 P.M. Committees (Stewardship and Property will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Property Committee

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

5:30 P.M. Carillon
5:45 P.M. Low Impact Aerobics
7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service
8:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

1:00 P.M. Good Friday Service at Calvary Presbyterian Church
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BIRTHDAYS APRIL 2-8

Marlo Quick (2)
Sylvia Engle (3)
Wes Westerfield (4)
Phyllis Fitch (4)
Anne Shirley (5)
Genevieve Ripple (6)
Reba Fusselman (6)
Scott Keebontz (6)

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Marjorie Copeland is a patient at Parkview Hospital.
Joan Franklin was in Lutheran Hospital overnight and will be recovering at home.

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CYF:

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April 7 - No Meeting
April 14 - Plan for Youth Sunday - 4:30 p.m.
April 21 - Youth Sunday practice - 4:30 p.m.
April 27 - Saturday - Youth Sunday Practice - 9:00 a.m.
April 28 - Youth Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
May 5 - Environment - What's our part? - 4:30 p.m.
May 19 - Environment
Be thinking about a summer project!

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Shalom,

ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

A Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, May 11. Don't forget to save large items, furniture, etc. as well as smaller items. Call Edna Nordblom (456-9255) for more information.

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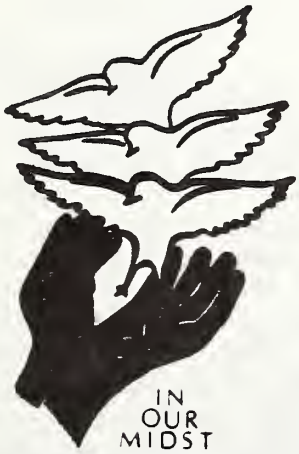

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BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP SCHEDULE

New Beginnings (entering 3rd & 4th grades) - Cost - $58.00

June 9, 10, 11	Deann & Hank Anderson
June 13, 14, 15	Barbara Nelson & Rhonda Immel

LEVEL I (entering 5th & 6th grades) - Cost - $115.00

June 17-22	Wayne Markward & Lisa Sheets
July 15-20	Linda Klinck & Olga Bailey
August 5-10	Connie Young

LEVEL II (entering 7th & 8th grades) - Cost - $115.00

June 24-29 M.A.D.	Dave Kovalow-St. John
July 1-6	Toni Bynum/Jack Sullivan
July 29-August 3	

LEVEL III (entering 9th - 12th grades) - Cost - $125.00

July 7-13	Janet Moore & Rick williams
July 21-27	Jim Hollis

CHURCH WILL PAY ONE-HALF OF THE FEE.

CONGRATULATIONS to Linda Cobb who has been nominated as a National Collegiate Engineering Award Winner!

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MONDAY, APRIL 1

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

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Linda Cobb (9)
Betty Grimm (10)
Charles Ludwig (10)
Becky Glasgow (12)
Adam Hayes (12)
Phyllis Tobias (13)
Bud O'Laughlin (13)
Golden Rose (14)
Fern Strole (14)
Ruth Yost (15)

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Them

BOFFOWITS

Meets in

Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Starting April 14 a video series Questions of Faith III will be presented. Bring your coffee mug and drop in any Sunday. The series is listed below with the dates.

April 14 - What do you mean by faith? What does faith mean to you? What's the difference between faith and belief? Why does having faith matter?

April 21 - Why Worship? What is worship? When does worship happen for you? Does worship ever happen outside the church? What is the value of worship?

April 28 - What's religion got to do with sex? What is the Judeo-Christian perspective on sexuality? What does religion have to say about homosexual issues? What can the church/synagogue offer to those in nontraditional relationships?

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FESTIVAL CHOIR

The Festival Choir will present a concert in our sanctuary Sunday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to bring friends and enjoy the anthems which support the theme from last August's Festival of Peace and Understanding. "A Time for All Seasons....and a time to love." An offering will be received which will help the choir in support of its activities. A reception will follow.

The Festival Choir will be on tour through the southern states June 8-16. In the meantime they have concerts scheduled throughout the Ft. Wayne area. The program includes a number of spirituals for inherent in them is the reality of the way things really are, as well as hope for the future. The spirituals are the only musical form indigenous to America, and are the forerunner of the gospel songs and jazz. The theme is taken from Ecclesiastes 3: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the sun; and Galatians 6: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His own Son....," a time for love.

Kris Ohneck, Tracy Critell, Rose and Jim Newton, Rose Gaskill, Katie Kilgore, and Director, Helen Donnell, represent First Christian in the ecumenical group.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be this Saturday, April 6, 1991 at 8:00 a.m.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, April 9, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.
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CONCERNS & JOYS

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Our sympathy is extended to Jack & Bobbi Lindsay in the recent death of Jack's father, John B. Lindsay, who lived in Philadelphia.

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ADULTS IN TRANSITION....Change is a powerful factor in many adult lives these days. Adults are in transition. This discussion group will talk about issues that are of special concern. Care of aging parents; problems with raising children; career decisions; relationships, are some of the issues we can discuss. Jim Grimshaw, Kathy Blocher, and Dr. Kilgore will lead this discussion group which is for young adults plus any adults who are in transition. Meets in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

BOB'S CLASS.....Sundays.....9:30 A.M.....UPSTAIRS.....BE THERE.....GRADES 6TH-12TH.

A GOOD IDEA! SHARE THE CARE APRIL 20 9-NOON

HELP NEEDED!!!

We are in desperate need of food bank volunteers. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00. If you could help on any of these days, (even if only once a month), it would be appreciated. Call Edna Nordblom, 456-9255, or Charles Hatten, 447-2649 to volunteer.

LOST & FOUND

If you are missing a hat, vest, scarf, jacket, etc., please check the Lost & Found basket in Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE NOTE.....All who shop at Kroger, please keep your receipts. The schools are saving them for computers. There is a box in Fellowship Hall for your receipts.

FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

Down with discouragement. Bury it as Christ was buried in the tomb. Bury it as a christian is buried in the waters of baptism. In times of the "dark night of the soul" bury the discouragement, for Christ has risen opening the door to new life for us.

Up with new life. Christ is risen. The powers that throw destructive monkey wrenches into our lives are not the top powers. The power of God to bring newness into our lives is greater.

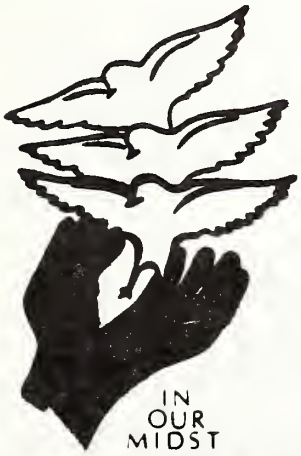
The sermon this Sunday will be "He's Risen, Now What?" It is based on John 20:19-31. Come, worship with us and help me bring the good news of this event into your life!

Shalom,

Dick K.

ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

A Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, May 11. Don't forget to save large items, furniture, etc. as well as smaller items. Call Edna Nordblom (456-9255) for more information.



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CAMPS and CONFERENCES
1991

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP SCHEDULE

New Beginnings (entering 3rd & 4th grades) - Cost - $58.00

June 9, 10, 11	Deann & Hank Anderson
June 13, 14, 15	Barbara Nelson & Rhonda Immel

LEVEL I (entering 5th & 6th grades) - Cost - $115.00

June 17-22	Wayne Markward & Lisa Sheets
July 15-20	Linda Klinck & Olga Bailey
August 5-10	Connie Young

LEVEL II (entering 7th & 8th grades) - Cost - $115.00

June 24-29 M.A.D.	Dave Kovalow-St. John
July 1-6	Toni Bynum/Jack Sullivan
July 29-August 3	

LEVEL III (entering 9th - 12th grades) - Cost - $125.00

July 7-13	Janet Moore & Rick williams
July 21-27	Jim Hollis

CHURCH WILL PAY ONE-HALF OF THE FEE.

CONGRATULATIONS

To new members: Brian Busse, Chandra Duncan, Kaylie Duncan, Adam Falbe, Christie Glasgow, Dustin McEvoy, Katie Moll, Josie Quick, D.J. Rinker,and Michael Stow. If you missed the Maundy Thursday Service you missed the very fine statements each of the youth made on the confession of their faith.

THANKS to Guides: Dick Mey, Kris Ohneck, Eunice Conrad, Bill Franklin, Brenda Kelly, Katie Kilgore, Pat Mullen, Deb Miller, Mike Stow and Larry Brey who worked to prepare the candidates. It is exciting to see the commitment of youth and adults!

SERVING APRIL 7

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8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Bill Crouse

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher-SW, M. Champion-NW, T. Knuckles, M. Novachcoff

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USHERS

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SOCK HOP

APRIL 20
7:00-11:00 PM

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Adults in Transition in Fellowship Hall

9:30 A.M. Bob's Class(Grades 6th-12th)

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 16-22

John Weyer (16)
Diane Freimuth (16)
Lillian Busse (17)
Bob Mitchell (18)
Helen Polk (18)
Kathryn Cullen (19)
Arlene Downes (20)
Opal Carper (21)
Rick Crist (21)
Larry Strickland (22)
Sherri Adams (22)
Jack Hayes (22)

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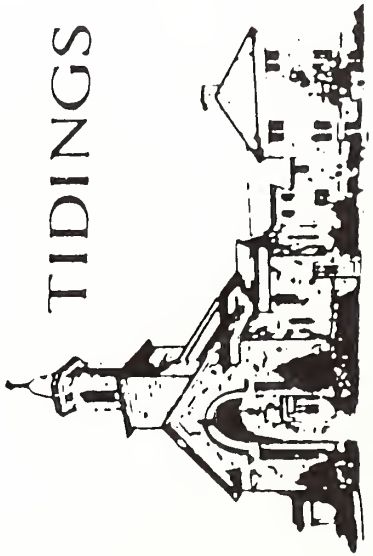

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All members of the church are urged to attend the annual congregational meeting. Here we vote on new officers for the coming church year. It will be held in the sanctuary.

AREA I SPRING ASSEMBLY

Sunday, April 21 is the date and 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. is the time. We will gather with other "Disciple" congregations from this area at West Creighton Christian Church, 845 West Creighton Avenue.

There will be singing, news of Area I, Interest Groups including: "Disciples and New Churches"; "NBA Charitable gifts that pay you back"; "The nature of biblical authority"; "Who are the Disciples"; "Youth Activity"; Dinner ($3.00) and worship.

Worship will feature Chad Bruening, a student at Fort Wayne's North Side High School who will present his state wide award winning Martin Luther King, Jr. essay, and a combined choir under the direction of Helen Donnell.

Your reservation is necessary. Sign up this Sunday or call the church office by Monday, April 15. Complete details are on brochures in the Narthex.

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FOR ADULT INQUIRERS

Any adults who have questions about the meaning of membership in our church are invited to a two-hour time with the Senior Pastor for an orientation and a question and answer session about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and First Christian. This will include lunch (dutch treat), Sunday, April 14 following the 10:45 a.m. service.

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NEW FOOD BANK COORDINATOR

Lillian Busse will be taking Dick Mory's place as Food Bank Coordinator. Our thanks to Dick for his service and to Lillian for her willingness!

ON SAYING GOODBYE

The wrecking ball tore into old Commisky Park this week. There I have seen some great baseball. I remember Mantle and Maris, Apparecio and Fox, Tiant and Ford to name just a few.

In one church served I presided over the tearing down of an old sanctuary. That was traumatic for many people who had worshipped there for decades. The memories were so dear to them and were connected with that particular building.

Sometimes, though, we have to let go of the old in order to make way for the new in our lives. The death and resurrection of Jesus is a symbol of this truth. Baptism is another symbol of the same truth. Before the new can be raised to life, the old must be buried.

This is important to keep in mind as we prepare for a new Senior Pastor.

Shalom, Dick K.

ALL AGES!!

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SOCK HOP
APRIL 20
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YOUNG ADULTS

The young adults are sponsoring a get-together to play volleyball on Sunday, April 28 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. If it's nice outside we'll play at First Christian on the church grounds. If it's raining, we'll meet at West Creighton Christian Church, 845 W. Creighton Avenue, and play in the gym (please bring $2.00 to cover rental costs for the gym). All adults in the church are welcome. Child care will be provided.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for activities in May. There is a Michael W. Smith concert on May 12 and Camp Barbee clean-up day is Saturday, May 18.

NEEDED.....Someone to volunteer to help with the mailing of the church newsletter. Wednesday mornings for approximately 1-2 hours. Call the church office at 744-3239 if you can help.

rummage sale
May 11th

BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH ANYTIME!

1991 Spring Workshop
Christian Church in Indiana
Christian Women's Fellowship

DATE Saturday, May 4, 1991
PLACE Auburn First Christian Church
Auburn, Indiana
COST: $6.00
9AM - 3PM

SERVING APRIL 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Graham-SW, D. Harter-NW, C. Long, N. Mennewisch

10:45 A.M. C. Hatten-SW, J. Hatten-NW, D. Kreischer-SE, J. Kelly-NE, B. Kelly, M. Quick, D. Ross, T. Hatten

USHERS

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Franklin - K. Tobias
T. Walsh - R. Stover
C. Miller - J. Smith
D. Kampenga - D. Rinker

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9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting
9:30 A.M. Bob's Class(Grades 6th-12th)
9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Adult Inquirer's Class
4:30 P.M. CYF
4:30 P.M. Chi Rho
5:00 P.M. Festival Choir at West Creighton

MONDAY, APRIL 15

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:00 P.M. Lafayette Place Association
7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle
7:00 P.M. New Officer Training

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Friendship Caller Training

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 A.M. Share the Care Day
7:00 P.M. Sock Hop

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Becca Widmer (23)
Dick Mey (23)
Grady Vanderwall (24)
Devera Harter (24)
Vera Watson (25)
Grant Woodward (28)

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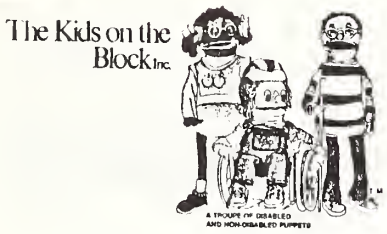

THE KIDS ON THE BLOCK

This Sunday we will have a special presentation for the sermon during the worship service. "The Kids on the Block" is a troupe of handicapped and non-handicapped puppets who represent real children. They were created to help teachers and students in regular education classrooms to learn about, understand and accept the handicapped students who were mainstreamed into their classrooms.

The puppet troupe will present three short skits, each dealing with a different handicap issue. The skits emphasize the uniqueness of every person and the importance of accepting and valuing each other, regardless of our differences. As Christians, we know that God values each person for who they are.

"The Kids on the Block" is a national organization that started in 1978 by a special education teacher. The local Kids on the Block puppets you will see on Sunday are owned by the Association of Retarded Citizens of Allen County. The volunteers who present the puppets are members of the Ft. Wayne Singles Civitan Club.

Please come to be a part of this unique opportunity to learn more about handicap people and the difficulties they have in our society.

AREA I ASSEMBLY THIS SUNDAY

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3:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Registration
3:30 - 3:40 p.m. - Welcome and Singing
3:40 - 4:00 p.m. - Assembly Business and news of Area I:
New Church Establishment
Camp Barbee
NBA Homes
The Regional Church
The General Church
4:15 - 5:30 p.m. - Interest groups-workshops
Disciples and New Churches; NBA Charitable gifts that pay you back; The nature of biblical authority; Who are Disciples; and Youth activity.
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - Dinner
6:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Worship (featuring Sean Bruening and Combined Choirs)

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Jack Phillips is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Myrtle DeVinney had outpatient surgery on Monday on her hand from the burn.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Dick Kilgore, to the people who donated food for us, for the cards, visits, and phone calls during my surgery and recovery time.

Elinor Place

Special thanks to so many who made the Holy Week services so rich and beautiful....especially the Diaconate and Ushers, Elders, Worship Leaders and Readers, those who prepared and served Easter Breakfast, those who were part of the Prayer Chain, those who provided flowers (see list page 3), and deepest appreciation to each choir member -- children, youth, adults -- singers and ringers. God bless you everyone!

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FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

As I opened my statement of personal giving to the church for the first quarter, I found a note from Jim Bushey, Finance Chairman, encouraging me, and everyone to do our best to keep current in the payment of our pledges. I heartily endorse his plea.

January and February were very poor months for the payment of pledges. We did get way behind. However, this week at the Board meeting the March report was very encouraging. Receipts were $19,911 with expenditures of only $14,621. Total pledges for any month should be $17,392. So, March shows people beginning to catch up. That is great. Keep up the good work.

It is heartening to see so many loyal Disciples at work for the Lord.

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YOUTH SUNDAY

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Don't miss this opportunity to see our youth share their unique talents with us all.

PLEASE NOTE: On April 28, Youth Sunday, the youth will usher and deacon both services, (but will not do homebound, and will not prepare communion.

YOUNG ADULTS

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SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Yes, we are still hard at work, meeting at least once a week. You might be interested to know that we have examined the resumes of 20 candidates. We have had 10 telephone conference calls and listened to 20 sermon tapes.

Three of these candidates have visited us at our invitation. However, we have not as yet made the right contact.

EASTER PLANTS GIVEN: Mary Wilhelm; Ralph & Judy Church; Sue & Ed Allen; Rose Gaskill; Don & Connie Kampenga; Dick & Erma Vanderwall; Donna McEvoy; Elinor & Ken Place; Dick & Katie Kilgore; Charles & Jean McGrew; Loretta & Bob Orr; Helen Donnell; Lou Simmons; Eunice Conrad; Kris Ohneck; Laurie Bushey in memory of Gerald Weaver; Lillian Busse in memory of Arthur Busse, Mel Busse, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles King; Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of daughter, Linda Kirtley and Bill & Mamie Caldwell; Edna & Harold Nordblom in honor of their children; Charles & Ardith Wrisk in celebration of their 66th anniversary.

SERVING APRIL 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Paul Champion

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and Tom Walsh

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. G. Brown-SW, C. Ewing-NW, M. Champion, N. Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. J. Bushey-SW, C. Murray-NW, S. Murray-SE, M. Rieke-NE, E. Rieke, J. Smith, R. Stover, M. Walsh

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, H. Banet, H. Nordblom

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D. Harter & N. Mennewisch

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Karen Bushey

ACOLYTES

George Smith & Julia Searle

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Sue Kerley

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Alison Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. Deb Knudsen

Mark your calendars for the CWF & CMF Spring Banquet on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Bob Sievers will present a program on the Holy Land. More details in next Tidings.

GOLF OUTING - MAY 18, 1991 - PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!

You may pick up your contribution statements this Sunday in the Narthex.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 A.M. Share the Care Day

12:00 NOON Chi Rho - Prepare for Youth Sunday

7:00 P.M. Sock Hop

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Bob's Class (grades 6-12)

9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

11:30 A.M. Festival Choir Brunch at Peace United Church

3:00 P.M. Area I Assembly at West Creighton Ave. Church

4:30 P.M. CYF

MONDAY, APRIL 22

12:00 NOON Jim Grimshaw's PRC Comm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 P.M. Committees (Stewardship & Property will not meet)

8:15 P.M. New Committee Chairs

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Property Committee

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 A.M. CYF & Chi Rho practice for Youth Sunday

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 30-MAY 6

Mildred Hutchinson (30)
Gini Brown (2)
Inez Petty (3)
Larry Busse (3)
Genny Halbrook (3)
Ray Stover (5)
Nick Lyons (5)
Lea Jackson (5)
Ralph Reynolds (6)

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YOUTH SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 28 is Youth Sunday! The CYF and Chi Rho youth groups will plan and lead both services. The theme for the services will be "Come, follow me," emphasizing the call that God gives us through Jesus Christ to join in the Christian community to share the love that God has given us. The service will also lift up the church camp experience that the youth enjoy during the summer. There will also be special music as well.

Don't miss this opportunity to see our youth share their unique talents with us all.

PLEASE NOTE: This Sunday, April 28 which is Youth Sunday, the youth will be the ushers, the elders, the deacons, and lay worship leaders in both services (but will not do homebound, and will not prepare communion).

YOUNG ADULTS

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THE FESTIVAL CHOIR IN CONCERT APRIL 28 7:00 P.M. SANCTUARY

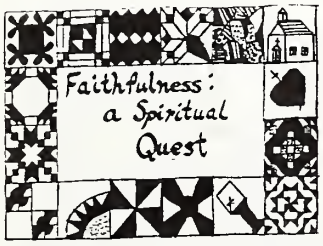
A Time for All Seasons ..... and a time to love.

Reception Following - An offering will be received.

Members of First Christian who are a part of the choir are Rose and Jim Newton, Rose Gaskill, Kris Ohneck, Tracy Critell, Katie Kilgore, Helen Donnell is the Director, Phil Zimmerman the Accompanist and Director of the Festival Bells.

The offering to be taken will help with the choirs' expenses and ministry.

The congregation is encouraged to bring friends and family and enjoy an hour or so of "mourning" and "laughing," "tears" and "joy," and expressions of the love of God in Christ, and our love for each other --- the way things really are, and the way we want them to be!



1991 Spring Workshop
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Christian Women's Fellowship

DATE Saturday, May 4, 1991
PLACE Auburn First Christian Church
Auburn, Indiana
COST: $6.00
9AM - 3PM

COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 1991 @ 7:00 p.m. PROPERTY AND STEWARDSHIP will not meet. '91-'92 Committee Chairs will meet at 8:15 p.m. to select new committee members. PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Many thanks to the members of the Chancel Choir who sang with the joint choir from Area I for the Assembly at West Creighton on the 21st. And many thanks to others who also participated. It was good to have you there!

Helen

CONCERNS & JOYS

Jack Phillips has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.
Ronald Elliott is a patient at Parkview Hospital.
Coleen Wilcoxson is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.
Carole Overmyer had outpatient foot surgery last Saturday.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Rev. Kilgore for his visit, Brenda Kelly for the cake roll, Helen Donnell and members of the church for their prayers while I was recuperating from surgery on my hand.

Myrtle DeVinney

TENTATIVE DATES & TOPICS:

CYF:

April 27 - Saturday - Youth Sunday Practice - 9:00 a.m.
April 28 - Youth Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
May 5 - Environment - What's our part? - 4:30 p.m.
May 19 - Environment
Be thinking about a summer project!

CHI RHO:

April 27 - Saturday - Youth Sunday Practice - 9:00 a.m.
April 28 - Youth Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

CASSETTE TAPE AVAILABLE

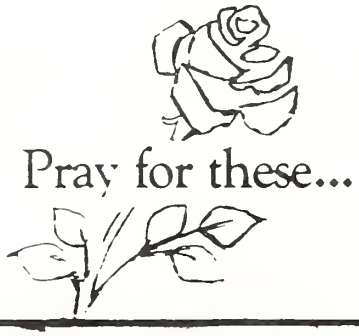
Soprano, Ginny Johnson, and keyboard artist, Donna Longbons, now have a tape available.

Titled, Favorites From Ginny, the tape features both religious and secular music. The cost of each tape is $6.00 and it can be purchased at the church office.

FOUND - a child's pair of glasses in the yard at church. Call 744-3239 to claim them.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Golf Outing, May 18, 1991 - PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS may be picked up in the Narthex this Sunday.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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AT HOME: Hazel Crouse, Everett & Ressie Ehresman, Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Bill Lehman, Carl Linn, Edythe Metcalf, Gus Mueller, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Helen Sheerin, Pauline Snyder, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

CWF & CMF

MAY 13 6:30 PM

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FRIENDSHIP VISITATION

Beginning this Sunday, teams of two will be going to visit those who have visited us that morning for the first time. These teams received training last week and will be trying to make contact within 36 hours. In other churches this quick, personal response has proven most effective for encouraging those newcomers to return.

We have nine teams of two for this program which is great! Many thanks to Karen Bushey, Margaret Champion, Ralph & Judy Church, Eunice Conrad, Mildred Hartman, Charles & Teresa Hatten, Arline Hutchinson, Mildred Hutchinson, Don & Connie Kampenga, Tim Knuckles, Pat Mullen, Don & Sue Oden, Don & Vee Parlette, and Evelyn Yeoman for undertaking this important ministry. If others are interested, please let me know.

Shalom,

Dick K.

Bunch Of Folks Figuring Out What Interests Them

Meets in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Starting April 14 a video series Questions of Faith III will be presented. Bring your coffee mug and drop in any Sunday. The series is listed below with the dates.

April 28 - What's religion got to do with sex? What is the Judeo-Christian perspective on sexuality? What does religion have to say about homosexual issues? What can the church/synagogue offer to those in nontraditional relationships?

May 5 - What are the moral dilemmas? What is the most problematic moral issue for you? If you had to identify the most pressing moral problem faced by the culture, what would you say?

May 12 - Remember sin and salvation? Whatever happened to sin? What is sin for you? What does salvation mean? What do you need to be saved from? How does salvation happen?

May 19 - What about grace and miracles? How do you experience grace? What is grace? Does God intervene in creation today? What is a miracle and have you ever experienced one?

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Basic factors in the marriage relationship will be the focus of our next Marriage Seminar, Sunday, May 5 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Finances, legal matters, emotions will be some of the factors treated. People with specialized experience will be called in to lead along with Dick and Linn. If you are interested and haven't already called in your reservation, please do so (744-3239).

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS will be recognized in second worship Sunday, May 5. Please join the Christian Education Committee in saying "thank you" for the vital ministry they provide.

FOR THE KURDS

You are seeing the tragedy on TV. What you do not see is the church at work there. The Middle East Council of Churches' staff in Istanbul and Baghdad work on logistics for distribution of blankets, warm clothing, layettes and baby blankets provided by Church World Service. Food and medical supplies purchased in the region will be distributed as effectively as possible. Week of Compassion has sent $30,000. You have helped make this response possible.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON APRIL 21, 1991

Jennifer Shriner, 6321 S. Harrison St.; Elizabeth DeFilippo, 5252-12 Stonehedge Blvd.

SERVING APRIL 28 - YOUTH SUNDAY

ELDERS

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Andy Moll and Jessica Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Dan Mory, Dan Moll, Dustin McEvoy, David Rinker, Chris Hall, Mandy Richman, Tracy Critell, Charlotte Ewing

USHERS

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Charlotte Ewing, Dan Mory, Dan Moll, Tracy Critell

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

P. Mullen - S. Oden
P. Champion - D. Oden
Jt. Weicker - E. Rieke
S. Hayes - M. Rieke

COMMUNION PREPARATION

C. Long & J. & B. Kelly

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Alison Knappenberger

ACOLYTES

Collin Miller & Megan Geroff

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim & Karen Bushey

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Becky Krull and Chris Hall

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION:

	4-14-91	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attend.	190	201
Budget Giving	$3,563.18	$3,538.71

NEEDED WEEKLY: $4,266.27

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Bob's Class
9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
3:00 P.M. Young Adults Volleyball
7:00 P.M. Festival Choir in Concert

MONDAY, APRIL 29

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Edu-Care Meeting in Board Room
9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Edu-Care Meeting in Board Room

BIRTHDAYS MAY 7-13
Dave Arnos (7)
Dick Vandenwall (8)
William Branstrator (8)
Jackie Keller (8)
Alison Knappenberger (8)
Jo Ann Franklin (10)
Dan Dickey (10)
Gail Westerfield (12)
Laurie Bushey (12)
John Hechler (12)
Burl Feltenberger (12)
Christina Hatten (12)
Donna McEvoy (13)

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PENTECOST OFFERING.....May 12-19

Ministry to students on college campuses is one of the ways our outreach offerings are used. Learn more about this as we approach Pentecost.

CWF & CMF

SPRING BANQUET & TRAVELOGUE OF THE HOLY LANDS WITH BOB SIEVERS

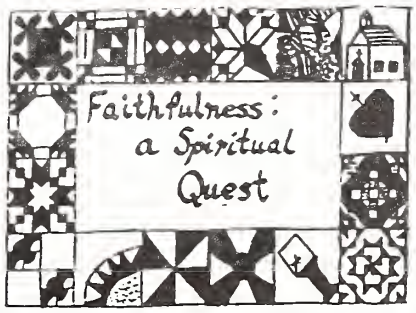
MAY 13 6:30 PM

Please bring a salad or dessert. Rolls and coffee will be provided. Officers will be installed. Please sign up at church this Sunday, or call the church office to RSVP.

rummage sale

May 11th

YOU MAY BRING ITEMS TO FELLOWSHIP HALL ANYTIME.



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9AM - 3PM

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GOD'S LENT CHILD

"I'll lend you for a little while, a child of mine," God said. "For you to love while he lives, and mourn for when he's dead.

Should thy angels call for him much sooner than we've planned, we'll brave the grief and try to understand."

Your many cards, notes, and calls helped soften the blow. Please accept our sincere and deep appreciation for your support.

Herb, Kathlyn & The Banet Family

TENTATIVE DATES & TOPICS:

CYF:

May 5 - Environment - What's our part? - 4:30 p.m.
May 19 - Environment
Be thinking about a summer project!

CHI RHO:

May 5 - Surprise! - 4:30 p.m.
May 12 - Play games outside - 4:30 p.m.
May 19 - What's camp all about?
May 26 - No meeting

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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WHOM DO YOU TRUST????

Whom do you trust to solve local community problems? According to a Gallup survey taken last November "Americans rate churches, synagogues and other religious institutions at the top of the scale." "Fifty-seven percent said they had 'a great deal' or 'quite a lot' of confidence in religious institutions to deal with community problems, while fifty-four percent had that much confidence in volunteer groups such as the YMCA and forty-seven percent had such confidence in the local public school system. Rating lowest on a list of ten institutions were political parties..." according to Christian Century magazine.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CMF) - SATURDAY, MAY 4 - 8:00 A.M.

Good food, folks, and fun. Discussion topic "Barnabas: Earning a good reputation." Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27; 11:22-30; 13:1-3; 15:36-41. Please call the church office or Charlie Hatten so we know how much food to prepare.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Golf Outing, May 18, 1991 - PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!

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FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

This is a test. I repeat, this is a test! Popcorn, Peanuts, Crackerjack! Oil Wells and Pine Forests! Milk on Cereal, Butter on Toast! Red, Brown, Blue and Green! G.E., Pratt & Whitney, Buick, Ford! Jack jumped over the moon? The cow kicked a field goal????

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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our Board of Church Extension loans money to churches for capital projects such as new buildings, parsonages and the like. The "Board" has been doing this since 1883. It gets its money from people who place their investment there.

If you have some money to invest, this is a sound and worthwhile way to do it. Currently, the Board of Church Extension is paying 7% for a 36 month note, $500 minimum. It has other possibilities including IRA's. For more details check with Dr. Kilgore or call 1-800-274-1883.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (DNS) -- "In Remembrance of Me" will be the theme as over 8,000 members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) gather for the General Assembly October 25-30, 1991 in Tulsa, Okla. The daily sub themes are: "Celebrate in Thanksgiving," "Embrace One Another," "Share My Bread," "Proclaim Christ's Presence," "Anticipate God's Presence," and "Go With Hope."

PLEASE NOTE: If you are graduating from college this spring, please call the church office to let us know. Thank you.

NOTES.....

The Indiana Region is having a singles young adult retreat at Bedford Christian Camp on June 7-9. The theme is "Looking For Me: Searching for identity in a world of change." The keynote speaker will be Larry Steinmetz, Vice-President, Division of Higher Education. Activities for the weekend will include worship, recreation, small group study, and fellowship. The cost is $50 which includes all food and lodging. Deadline for registration is May 17. Please contact Jim Grimshaw or the church office for more information.

The Sarah Circle went on a tour of the Women and Family Facility of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. The House for the women is very nice. In the back of the house is a smaller house that they use for families, there are three apartments. The Women's Rescue Mission is in need of some items: towels, washclothes, strollers, nightgowns and robes, undergarments, toiletry, hair grooming (hairbrushes, hair spray, gel, etc.), first aid things (band-aids, gauze, tape, antiseptic, vaseline, tylenol, etc.). If you have some of these items please call Sue Brey (447-3540) or take them to the house at 710 W. Superior Street.

FOOD BANK NEEDS: Shampoo, Diapers

SERVING MAY 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Donald Kampenga and John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. G. Brown-SW, D. Harter-NW, N. Knappenberger, C. Long

10:45 A.M. J. Franklin-SW. S. Kerley-NW, B. Kerley-SE, D. Kreischer-NE, C. Linn, M. Quick, D. Rinker, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, W. Bowen, D. Kreischer

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sam Hayes

ACOLYTES

Kaylie Duncan & Spiro Olympidis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jack & Janet Weicker

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Lindsay

10:45 A.M. Linda Stover

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION:

	4-21-91	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attend.	210	201
Budget Giving	$3,474.44	$3,534.70

NEEDED WEEKLY: $4,266.27

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Bob's Class

9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

2:00 P.M. Marriage Seminar

4:00 P.m. Festival Choir at Peace United Church of Christ

4:30 P.M. CYF

4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Finance Committee

THURSDAY, MAY 9

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 10

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, MAY 11

9:00 A.M. Rummage Sale

BIRTHDAYS MAY 14-20

Matthew Busse (14)
Marta Zoller (15)
Mary New (15)
Lila Russell (15)
Delonis Anspach (15)
Jane Wagoner (16)
John Myers (17)
Art Thomas (18)
Dan Ross (18)
Earl Snouffer (19)
Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)
Shirley Howell (19)

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A LAYMAN SPEAKS

This Sunday, May 12, our own Bill Johnson will be our featured speaker. Bill has a special message he wants to bring to the congregation. It will be good to hear from this dedicated christian.

Also, the children from Creative Arts and their mothers will be singing a special number, at the second service, in honor of the Christian Family.

COME! LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!

CHOIR SUNDAY - MAY 19

On May 19 at both services the Carillon and the Chancel Choir will lead the worship. The anthems have been selected by popular vote of the members of the Chancel Choir. They hope that the congregation will find them as rich and meaningful as they have—these, the 10 Top Tunes and Texts. The Carillon has had the privilege this month of working with an anthem for its "world premiere performance." It was written by our own Curt Miller, and the choir is proud to give it its debut.

This is the Sunday when the choirs offer in thanksgiving and praise the best of the year's repertoire. It would be wonderful if the congregation would say to each of the members who have worked one night every week all year long, and been present every Sunday, that they and their ministry of music is appreciated. This is really easy to do. Just come and worship on Sunday, May 19!

PENTECOST OFFERING

This congregation should be very proud of its outreach giving because we have exceeded all our goals this year and continue to be one of the largest givers in the state.

The Pentecost special offering is emphasizing the Division of Higher Education. This means your gifts will be used to continue the work of 15 colleges, 4 seminaries, and 85 campus ministries. The scholarships and grants made possible by your gifts help prepare men and women for ministries all around the world. The Outreach & Service Committee has adopted the theme "The Whole World in God's Hands" and set a goal of $600 because the Pentecost special offering makes it possible to spread the good news about Jesus Christ throughout the world.

CWF & CMF

SPRING BANQUET & TRAVELOGUE OF THE HOLY LANDS WITH BOB SIEVERS

MAY 13 6:30 PM

rummage sale

May 11th

BRING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL ANYTIME.

9:00 - 5:00

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Dan Mony for his performance with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.
Steven Mullen for South Side High Schools State Academic team in English held last week. First Place!
Jim Grimshaw for two award winning essays and his grade point average at Christian Theological Seminary.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the youth who participated in Youth Sunday as well as the advisors - Chi Rho: Jim Grimshaw, Rick & Jill Crist, Chuck Ewing, and Deb Rinker; Charlotte Ewing, Sara Glasgow, Chris Hall, Alicia Jurju, Becky Krull, Dustin McEvoy, Mandy Richman, David Rinker, Emma Searle. CYF: Anne & Roger Moll, Teresa & Charlie Hatten; Tracy Critell, Jessica Hatten, Lindsay Miller, Andy Moll, Dan Moll, Dan Mony, Kelly Walsh, Mike Walsh, and Heather Boylen.

Thanks for Caring!

It sometimes seems endless - the work that needs to be done! The help of the following at Share-The-Care Day was greatly appreciated: Donald Kampenga, Jim Bushey, Walter Bowen, Roger Moll, Jim Grimshaw, Kathy Blocher, Larry & Sue Brey, Laura York, Bob Mitchell, Charlie Hatten, Dick Mey, Bill Franklin, John Perry, and Dave Kreischer. Thanks!

The Property Committee

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A GIVING PEOPLE

Who gives to support the many charities in our country? Some would say that church people support the church and non-church people support all the other charities. Wrong! Average giving to all charities by the entire population is 2% of income. The average for non-church people is .08%. People who are active in their religious bodies are also the biggest givers to most other charities, even voluntary contributions to education.

The reason for this is simple. An active faith in God produces givers. Christ produces givers. Church people are the most giving people in the world.

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Dick K.

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"WHAT A MARVELOUS WAY...

...TO START THE DAY" begins a letter to us from Charles R. Blaisdell of the Regional Office. We made his day by sending a $7,000 gift for Camp Barbee from our Memorial Fund (Outreach Capital portion). He thanks us on behalf of the many youth and adults who are served by the Camping Program of the Christian Church in Indiana. He says "as you know the need at Barbee remains great, and your gift will help in doing some very necessary upgrading and renovating of the property."

(DON'T FORGET BARBEE WORKDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 8:00 - 4:00. LETS TAKE A GOOD DELEGATION OF WORKERS TO CLEAN, PAINT, REPAIR, LANDSCAPE, ETC. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND SAY "I WILL GO TO BARBEE AND HELP MAY 18.")

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NOTES.....

The Indiana Region is having a singles young adult retreat at Bedford Christian Camp on June 7-9. The theme is "Looking For Me: Searching for identity in a world of change." The keynote speaker will be Larry Steinmetz, Vice-President, Division of Higher Education. Activities for the weekend will include worship, recreation, small group study, and fellowship. The cost is $50 which includes all food and lodging. Deadline for registration is May 17. Please contact Jim Grimshaw or the church office for more information.

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USHERS

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6:30 P.M. CWF & CMF Spring Banquet

TUESDAY, MAY 14

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle at Ryan's
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts Party

THURSDAY, MAY 16

5:30 P.M. Carillon
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Hazel Crouse (21)
Jay Bixenman (23)
Jennifer Mounsey (23)
Donald Smith (25)
Virginia Bruckman (25)
Andrew Stow (26)
Kenneth Hunt (26)
Kristin Byers (26)
Harold Nordblom (26)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5-5-91

Debbie & Scott McPherson, 304 W. Pettit Avenue; Linda & Tom Beckstedt, 2535 South Wayne Avenue; Robert & Donna McCollun; Tricia Wiegman; Jill Barnabee & William Downs, 1408 Three Rivers, East; Zach, Alisha, & Terri Walton.

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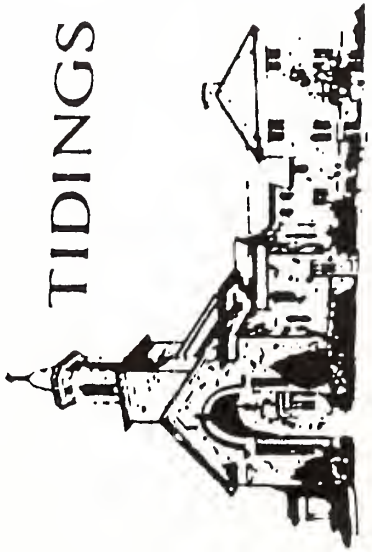

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CHOIR SUNDAY - THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday at both services the Carillon and the Chancel Choir will lead the worship. The anthems have been selected by popular vote of the members of the Chancel Choir. They hope that the congregation will find them as rich and meaningful as they have--these, the 10 Top Tunes and Texts. The Carillon has had the privilege this month of working with an anthem for its "world premiere performance." It was written by our own Curt Miller, and the choir is proud to give it its debut.

This is the Sunday when the choirs offer in thanksgiving and praise the best of the year's repertoire. It would be wonderful if the congregation would say to each of the members who have worked one night every week all year long, and been present every Sunday, that they and their ministry of music is appreciated. This is really easy to do. Just come and worship this Sunday, May 19!

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With deepest thanks,
Ken and Jan Nunn

I wish to express my thanks to Dr. Kilgore for his visits while I was in the hospital. Also to all of you who sent cards and for your calls.

Harold Nordblom

Many thanks to all who brought rummage to the sale, all who worked at the sale, and all who bought! It was a big success! As of right now, our profit is $1,050.

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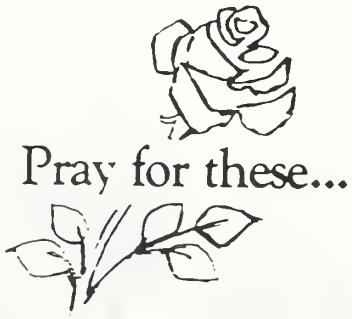

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Special care: Regency Place: Deloris Anspach, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop. Memorial: Pearl Heidecker. Riverview Care Center: Helen Foltz, Fern Kenline. Medco Plaza: Fern Strole. University Park Nursing Home: Connie Wells. Lawton: Opal Perkins. Woodview: Thelma Onion.

AT HOME: Hazel Crouse, Everett & Ressie Ehresman, Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Bill Lehman, Carl Linn, Edythe Metcalf, Gus Mueller, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Helen Sheerin, Pauline Snyder, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

AN INTERIM'S PRIVILEGE

One of the privileges of serving during an interim period is to see how christian people and christian churches rally to maintain their faithfulness during times of change. This is something I have always appreciated in individuals as they faced hardship. Their faith gives them extra strength. It happens in congregations, too. The dedication of christian volunteers really shows during interim periods in the church's life.

This shows that the church is really called together by its Lord, Christ Jesus, and is not dependent on any human leader. Praise God!

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A COMPASSIONATE CHURCH

Larry Tankersley, Administrative director of our Week of Compassion office reports on recent natural disasters, tornados destroyed homes of Disciples members in Kansas and Oklahoma. Bangladesh has huge losses from the cyclone. Earthquakes have caused wide spread loss of homes and life in Costa Rica, Panama and the USSR. A cholera epidemic continues to spread in Peru. Our contributions have helped make possible a compassionate witness in all of those areas of devastation.

JUNIOR CLASS PRESENTS

The Junior Class (3rd, 4th, and 5th grades) recently composed and presented a picture book to the Nursery and Preschool Class. They had been studying Jesus and his love for children and wanted to express their own love for younger children.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON MAY 5, 1991

Glenda & Heather Ohneck, 349 W. Essex Lane; Fred & Dorothy Mitchell, 10204 Circlewood Drive; Patricia Shuler; Katherine & Warren Smart; Joe & Corinne Pardue, 122 E. Circle Drive, Canon City, CO; K. Stolba; Carol, Sylvia & Erika Kamp.

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Vickie Plemons & Nolan Melchi

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

BIRTHDAYS MAY 28-JUNE 3

Pat Mullen (28)

Gene Klepfer (29)

Carolyn Austin (29)

Diane Howard (31)

Arthur Chevalier (1)

Mike McFarland (1)

Susan Stow (3)

Chris Hall (3)

Rose Gaskill (3)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BAKE LOAVES OF COMMUNION BREAD STARTING JULY 1991 THRU JUNE 1992. PLEASE CALL AND LET ME SCHEDULE YOU FOR A MONTH - 8 TO 10 LOAVES REQUIRED DEPENDING ON SUNDAYS IN THE MONTH. THANK YOU.

NEVA MENNEWISCH (483-4802)

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Worship Attendance	190	202
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THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 26, Memorial Day weekend, we will again be remembering the saints from First Christian who have died in the two years since Memorial Day 1989. There will be flowers on the Chancel in their honor and we invite a family member to take one home in remembrance and thanksgiving. The sermon text will be Hebrews 12:1-2, and the sermon subject, "The Race Before Us."

We thank God in every remembrance of these beloved family members and friends, and we invite the congregation on this special Sunday to join in gratitude for their having been among us.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS.....

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THANK YOU'S

I wish to thank everyone who asked about me and also who sent cards to me. I'm glad to be back at church once again.

Carole Overmyer

The vision of the children and their mothers singing together on the Chancel is with us yet, and the lovely song for Mother's Day remains in our hearts. We thank you for giving the congregation such a gift. We also thank Jim and Sara Davis for their beautiful duet, one of those "precious moments" which one never forgets. God bless you all.

Creative Arts in Worship has ended for this year. It has been a joy from beginning to ending. The children have worked hard and played hard, and all of us have had a wonderful time. Nothing that has been done could have been done without Jane Walsh who has planned all the crafts and games, and helped in so many ways, or without Vee Parlette who can play any rhythm on the spot that we need for instruments and any accompaniment anybody has ever written so beautifully for children. They have been absolutely wonderful! From us all, Jane and Vee, thank you so very much.

Love,
Helen

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WOMEN

A SPIRITUAL QUEST:
Friendship...
Faithfulness...
Fruitfulness

July 13-14, 1991
DePauw University - Greencastle

REGISTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR THROUGH KRIS OHNECK. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

FIRST TIME VISITORS ON 5-19-91
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Sullivan, 3020 Shawnee Drive.

ON KEEPING UP (AND OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS)

Does it really matter when a person gets behind in his or her financial giving to the church? Look at these facts and see what you think.

In April the church had to borrow $5,500 to keep up with current expenses. Now, the Finance Committee reports, it appears we will need to borrow an additional $1,784. Why? Because of people who are behind in giving what they said they would give. Please keep your giving as current as you can. IT DEFINITELY MATTERS!

We all owe Bill Johnson a big "thank you" for the well-prepared, well-delivered message about "Words" last Sunday. It will be some time before any of us forget about the lasting importance of our words. Thank you, Bill!

My last Sunday with you folks will be July 14. That is the end of my one year contract as your Interim Senior Minister. It is important for my personal planning to have a definite cut-off date. The leaders of the church assure me that I will not be leaving you "in the lurch." You have very capable ministerial leadership from Helen, Linn, and Jim. According to the Moderator, Don Kampenga, if it appears by September that there will be an extended wait for an installed Senior Pastor, the church might secure another Interim Senior Pastor. The anticipation is, however, that the search will be near the end by September.

By the way. Remember the test in this column a few weeks ago. So far, only one person has passed it. That was John Kelly. Ask him.

Shalom,

Dick K.

Dear Friends,

Last Tuesday the Board voted unanimously to invite the Summer Enrichment Program for mentally handicapped children to use Fellowship Hall for an 8 week session from June 17 through August 9.

Handicapped children often regress during the summer, losing skills they have developed throughout the school year. They become unmotivated and/or withdrawn without the opportunity for social interaction. The summer program provides them with a structured program of activities to continue their development.

The children and the staff of professional teachers will be in the building from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for the 8 weeks. If we have need of Fellowship Hall during that time, arrangements will be made for other activities outside the building.

Please welcome the special children and their teachers to First Christian. If you have any questions concerning the program, please give me a call or pick up a brochure in the rack next to the south door.

Love,
Linn

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David Rinker (5)
Terry Walters (6)
Ralph Church (6)
Spiro Olympidis (6)
Virginia Snouffer (7)
Pat Spangle (8)
Ron Kiger (8)
Virginia Englehart (9)
Don Oden (9)
Irene Kissinger (9)
Jane Harts (9)
David Johnston (10)
Bill Howard (10)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Bob's Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, MAY 28

6:35 P.M. Softball Game at McMillen #4
7:00 P.M. Committees (Vision Evaluation) (Property will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:00 P.M. Property Committee

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

ATTENTION CYF AND PARENTS

WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 2

TIME: 3:00 P.M. - ?

PLACE: The Molls
5005 Desoto Drive

DIRECTIONS: Take State Blvd. east to Reed Rd. then north on Reed (left) to Desoto Dr. (One block south of Vance Avenue).

BRING: 1 food to share (chips, salad, veggie, dessert), table service, swim suit and $2 if you want to swim

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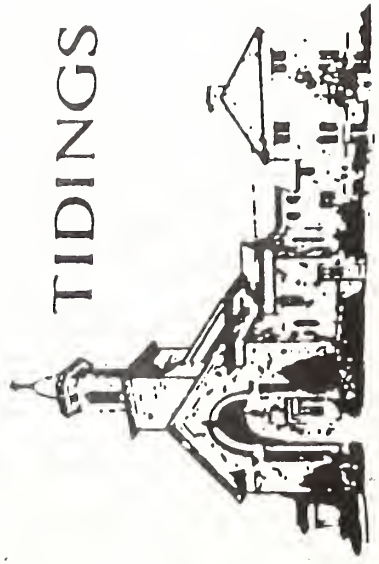

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HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES will be recognized THIS SUNDAY in worship. Please join us in recognizing this milestone in the lives of: Kristin Byers, and Nick Knappenberger, graduates of IPFW, and High School graduates: Brent Jackson, Nick Lyons, Todd McBride, Scott Murray, Denay Ohneck, and Michelle Stam.

ALSO

CAMPERS will be commissioned in worship this Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service.

NOMINATIONS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The nominating committee is ready to suggest two people to be our voting delegates for the General Assembly of our church which will be October 25-30 in Tulsa, OK. If you are interested or know of anyone interested, please tell Eileen Klepfer, 747-3077. It is urgent to decide in order to find hotel space.

CHANCEL CHOIR AND CARILLON CHOIR PARTY

Choir members and special guests.....plan to attend a party at Bob & Loretta Orr's, June 1, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish, also lawn chairs. Directions to Orr's home are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please call Brenda Kelly at 745-0800.

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THE FESTIVAL CHOIR will be presenting its last concert for this season June 2, Sunday evening, at 7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road. The congregation is invited.

NEW COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. for Vision Planning. PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.

INSTALLATION COMING

All newly elected or re-elected Officers, Board members and Diaconate are to be installed during worship, June 16. Please plan to be present.

CONCERNS & JOYS (AS OF FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1991 WHEN TIDINGS WAS PRINTED)

Bueford Tharp has gone home from St. Joseph.
Coleen Wilcoxson is a patient at St. Joseph.
Bette Haines is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.
Sara Smith had eye surgery last week and her husband Don, will have eye surgery on May 30.

(AS OF FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1991)

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of First Christian Church,

I'd like to thank all those from First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, who helped with our work day at Barbee last Saturday. The fellowship was great, we got a lot of work done, and we're just about ready for our summer camping sessions. Thanks for your help!

Charles R. Blaisdell, Interim Associate Regional Minister

Many, many thanks to members of the Carillon and the Chancel Choir, to Curt Miller, composer, and to Mike Walsh, Dan Mony, and Tami Davis, soloists, for the beautiful, beautiful services May 19. Have a good summer rest. We look forward to having you all together again in September!

Helen

I was so grateful for all the evidences of concern so many of you expressed. Your prayers, your cards, and your visits meant more to me than I could ever have imagined. A heartfelt "thank you" to you, Dick, and to you, Helen, and to so very many others who just "popped" in. I am eternally grateful. God bless you for just caring.

Jack Weicker

TENTATIVE DATES & TOPICS:

CYF:

June 2 - PARTY - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Moll's, 5005 Desoto Drive.

CHI RHO:

June 2, Sunday - Diamond Jim's. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Meet out at Diamond Jim's if you can. If not, meet at the church at 3:30. Bring your permission slips. Water slides, swimming, lots of games, etc!

June 7, Friday - West Creighton with two other youth groups for games, food, volleyball. 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. End of the school year party!

THE FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING invites all singers ages 16 on up to be a part of the choral celebration which will end this year's seventh annual Festival sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. The theme is "The World Is A Tapestry." The ecumenical, inter-racial choir will rehearse August 5, 6, 7, and 8 at First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The choral celebration will be at the Foellinger Theater in Franke Park August 11 at 6:30 p.m. Helen Donnell, Minister of Music at First Christian Church, is the director. If you love to sing, do come and be a part of this once-a-year experience!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Special Care: Regency Place: Deloris Anspach, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop. Memorial: Pearl Heidecker. Riverview Care Center: Helen Foltz, Fern Kenline. Medco Plaza: Fern Strole. University Park Nursing Home: Connie Wells. Lawton: Opal Perkins. Woodview: Thelma Onion.

AT HOME: Hazel Crouse, Everett & Ressie Ehresman, Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Bill Lehman, Carl Linn, Edythe Metcalf, Gus Mueller, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Helen Sheerin, Pauline Snyder, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

WHY CHURCH???

The church does not exist to merely gather once a week to learn and worship, although that act of gathering is central in the church's life and in her mission. That's right, her mission. The church exists because her Lord has given her a mission. The clearer her sense of mission, the more effective will be the church's life.

I remember a mission I was sent on by my Grandmother. I was sent by her to the grocery store to pick up and bring home an order of groceries. That trip had all the essential ingredients of a mission. Someone sends someone else as a representative to accomplish some particular task or deliver some specific message. A mission has a sender, a given task, the mission agent and a target.

The controlling place to look for our mission at First Christian Church is in the pages of the New Testament. Christ is the sender. We must never forget that. As we look there we see that the mission takes on different forms depending on the needs and situation of the "target."

This church has a sense of mission which carries her forward through various conditions and through various clergy leaders. The church needs to clarify what that mission is in this time and in this place. For now, please begin thinking about the mission of this church as you see it. Be ready to identify where First Christian is now, when your new Senior Pastor is on the job.

The sermon this Sunday will touch on our mission. I'm calling it "Look Out There." Matthew 25:31-46 is the text.

Shalom,

Dick K.

NOTE FROM THE SEMINARY INTERN:

I will be working at Lutheran Hospital this summer as a student chaplain beginning June 3. It is a 12-week work/study program called Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), and is part of my seminary education. Two-thirds of my time will be engaged in visiting patients and their families, and one-third of my time will be engaged in small group study and reflection. The experience will be very helpful for my growth as a minister.

For these 12 weeks, I will not be working at the church on the weekends as I have been, and I want to thank the church for giving me this time off to do CPE. I will resume my normal working schedule at the church on August 31.

Jim

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to bake loaves of communion bread starting July 1991 through June 1992. Please call and let me schedule you for a month - 8 to 10 loaves required depending on Sundays in the month. Thank you.

Neva Mennewisch (483-4802

WANTED

Our counselor Margaret McCray-Worrall is in need of a window air conditioner for her office. Please call the church office at 744-3239 if you can help. Thank you.

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SERVING JUNE 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher-SW, K. Graham-NW, T. Knuckles, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, D. Kreischer-NW, C. Linn-SE, M. Mullen-NE, D. Oden, S. Oden, R. Stover, K. Tobias

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8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ott, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, T. Knuckles, D. Kreischer

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K.Blocher, D.Ross, T.Hatten

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5:25 P.M. Softball Game at McMillen #4

7:00 P.M. NEW Committees - Vision Planning(Property will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

7:00 P.M. Property Committee

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Katie Kilgore's, 720 Candlelite Court

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 P.M. Chi Rho to W. Creighton

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 11-17

Bev Hendricks (12)

Laura Tomes (13)

Mike Watson (14)

Mike Stow (14)

Valetta Parlette (15)

Josephine Weyer (16)

Laura McFarland (16)

Mary King (16)

Brandon Falbe (16)

Andy Cook (17)

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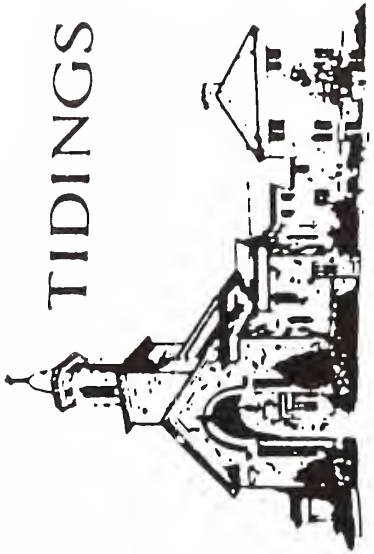

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Children K/5th grade are invited to join us for this special program at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in June and July in the Primary classroom.

PLEASE BRING A TOWEL WITH YOUR NAME ON IT!

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Fish of Stroh at Gateway Plaza.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.

RACHEL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Charky's on West State.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM will begin the week of June 17, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for 8 weeks.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Bette Haines has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.
Coleen Wilcoxson is a patient at St. Joseph.
Almeda Rice is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Our prayers are with Don and Valetta Parlette and family as their granddaughter, Tiffany Walton, is recuperating from a serious car accident last week. She is in Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Congratulations to Glenn & Lola Miller as they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last week!

Congratulations also to Bob & Inez Petty as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this week.

Congratulations to Tim Knuckles and Victoria Suarez as they were married at First Christian last Saturday by Jim Grimshaw.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Bob, Loretta, Dave, and Melissa Orr for hosting the party for the choirs at their home June 2. It was a good time. It was wonderful to have many of those soloists and accompanists who are not in the choirs but who definitely are a part of the music program-----an altogether happy evening. Thank you Brenda and John for planning and Orr's for hosting.

TENTATIVE DATES & TOPICS:

CHI RHO:

June 7, Friday - West Creighton with two other youth groups for games, food, volleyball. 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. End of the school year party!

This weekend, June 7-9, the Chi Rho group from West Street Christian Church, Tipton, Indiana will be doing a work trip in Fort Wayne. They will be staying overnight Friday and Saturday at our church. They will work at the Community Harvest Food Bank on Friday and Saturday. In addition to their work, they will join our Chi Rho group and West Creighton's group for food and fun on Friday night. On Sunday morning, the Tipton group will worship with us here at First Christian. Please welcome our sisters and brothers from Tipton!

Kris Ohneck, Tracy Critell, Rose and Jim Newton, Rose Gaskill, Katie Kilgore, and Helen Donnell will be gone June 8-16 on tour with the Festival Choir. Nine concerts are scheduled in Nashville, TN; Rossville, GA; Athens, ALA; Atlanta, GA; Greenville, SC; and Dayton, OH. The tour is financed by monies earned by the choir in concerts, by the sale of Shalom items, rummage sales, but members of the choir are paying over half the cost out of their own pockets. Offerings on tour will go to a cause for peace and justice chosen by the concert host church in its community. Pray for these of our membership who are part of this visual and active effort towards friendship --- one people under God!

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OUR SEMINARY INTERN is looking for some storage space. He has a few pieces of furniture and several boxes he needs to store. If you have some extra room in the attic, the basement, or a spare room, please let Jim know or call the church office. Thanks!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 6-2-91

Amy M. Sember; Danielle Byrne; Amy Sendelbach.

EMBRACE THE FUTURE

To look ahead is vital to our total church as well as to our one local congregation. Our denomination is looking ahead in an exciting way. Last July our General Board voted to undertake a major capital campaign with five main goals:

(1) Establish 200 new Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations throughout the U.S. and Canada, provide and train clergy and lay leadership to develop these congregations, and nurture them in their early years. $15,000,000.

(2) Meet capital needs overseas by providing financial assistance for education, medicine, development and evangelism. $7,500,000.

(3) Support congregations to become more vital through every Region. $3,000,000.

(4) Support clergy by adding to the endowment fund to aid retired ministers, missionaries and their spouses. A small portion will aid clergy in crisis situations. $3,000,000.

(5) Support construction of a new Disciples Center International by giving every member of the church an opportunity to support this cost-efficient facility in Indianapolis. $1,500,000.

If approved by our General Assembly in Tulsa this October, this campaign would ask individual members, not church budgets, to contribute towards these wonderful goals.

I am happy to be part of a church that looks to the future with challenging plans, under the theme: EMBRACE THE FUTURE.

There is so much to preach about and so little time left. Before I leave I want to talk to you about prayer, so this Sunday my sermon will be "School of Prayer" based on the Lord's Prayer. Come and worship with us.

Shalom,

Dick K.

ABC'S FOR PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS

Arrive in time to find a good place to sit. Make sure your children can see. Let them sit on the aisle or use the front pews.

Bring something along for little ones to hold or look at - something soft and quiet - crayons, drawing paper.

Call a "practice session" at home. The Lord's Prayer, the Gloria Patri, and the Doxology can be practiced to help children keep up with the speed of the adults.

Decide on a clue to make the children aware when a part they know is coming.

Express your joy at having children worship with you. Send a smile in their direction.

Free yourself of anxieties. Relax!

Give thanks to God for the presence of children.

Help parents of small children by showing your support and your appreciation of children.

-SHARE, Winter 1981

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Ohneck - J. Atkins
Jt. Weicker - T. Hatten
T. Walsh - G. Brown
M. Crouse - B. Kelly

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Murray's & P. Tobias

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7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 18-24

Gene Auer (18)
Bernice Montgomery (18)
Fern Kenline (18)
Gary Hall (18)
Diana Bennett (19)
Don Parlette (19)
Joan Penny (20)
Orie McDougle (21)
Shawn Cobb (21)
Linda Merrick (22)
Jack Weicker (23)
Shari Hensch (23)
Kurt Schryver (23)
Jack Lindsay (24)

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	5-26-91	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attendance	143	202
Budget Giving	$1,757.00	$3,456.97
NEEDED WEEKLY:	$4,266.27	

TIDINGS DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE JUNE 12 AS DIANE JOHNSON WILL BE ON VACATION THE WEEK OF JUNE 17. THANK YOU!

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN FELLOWSHIP HALL???

As you pass through Fellowship Hall next week you will see a lot of activity. There will be several mentally handicapped children of various ages and their teachers. This is the Summer Enrichment Program we reported to you following the Board's decision in May.

The children and their teachers will use Fellowship Hall Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for 8 weeks. Do not hesitate to walk through as we normally do. The teachers are glad to have you pass by.

If we need to use fellowship hall during this time period, arrangements will be made for the children's activities outside the building. Please welcome these special children and their teachers. This is a wonderful outreach use of our building.

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Coleen Wilcoxson is a patient at St. Joseph.
Almeda Rice has gone to her daughters home to recuperate after surgery.
Ruby Kolkman has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.
Gus Mueller is a patient at St. Joseph.
Lou Simmon's brother, George Glass from Louisiana, had a heart attack last week. Our prayers are with Lou and her family.
Congratulations to Rick Tomlinson and Alana Monteith as they were married at First Christian last Saturday by Dr. Kilgore.

THANK YOU

The Property Committee recently evaluated its work for the past year and the list of accomplishments is IMPRESSIVE! Included was:

Grand Piano dedicated to Ethel Shroyer on 6/24/90. Dick Mey installed a new floor for the piano to sit on. Pews were moved from south choir section and from the front row of the balcony.

Poorman's serviced the air conditioner and volunteers cleaned the coils in the basement on 7/90 and 10/90.

Reviewed our insurance policy with Sam Hayes and later with Jerry Martin, our agent. We took out earthquake insurance with Board approval.

Wired attic for the new sound system, later wired for new dishwasher and moved the drain pipes over to accommodate dishwasher.

Replaced toilet tank in restroom by baptismal on 8/1/90.

Put light over ping pong table on 8/15/90.

Cleaned boiler on 8/20/90.

Started moving stone that was stacked near the air conditioner on 8/16/90, finished on Share the Care Day.

CCS started installation of the new sound system on 8/27/90.

Scaffling to tower went up 9/20/90 and came down about 5/1/91.

Share the Care Days 10/6/90 & 4/20/91. Tile has been removed outside both bathrooms at Fellowship Hall. The bathrooms are to be painted and adjacent halls, then new tile will be laid.

New stool in Kids bathroom.

Display for Matters of Heart 10/21 and 10/28/90.

Painted and put in new ceiling in bath by bapistry 11/12-15/90.

Carpet was stretched in Sanctuary.

Lower 27 in. of south windows in sanctuary were badly warped. City Glass repaired one on 12/4/90 and the other two on 1/15/91. Cost $894.00.

Cleaned the church while John was on vacation - twice.

Started new ceiling in Fellowship Hall, west end 2/6/91. Finished on 2/26/91 with new lights.

Reanchored some of the new blinds in Fellowship Hall.

New mowing schedule - 3/12/91 - started mowing midweek 5/14/91.

John installed new lights in the tower 5/16/91.

George Davis is video taping the church property for insurance purposes.

John put a light switch in the attic.

Cut down 3 trees-- one by food bank, one by west door north side, and the large evergreen on the south east corner.

Reviewed and changed wedding fees with Board approval.

We have started the review of building usage and fees and should bring this up to date in the near future.

The Living Memorial Program should be pursued with enthusiasm.

Thanks to Dave Kreischer, chair, the Committee, and especially to John Perry, Sexton, whose knowledge and skill make possible many of these improvements.

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AS YOU READ THIS.....

.....Helen Donnell and the Festival Choir will be in the midst of their concert tour through several southern states and Ohio. Our backing of our Minister of Music as the director of the Festival Choir is one of our congregation's outreach ministries. Each of the ministerial staff has things to do in the community as outreach arms of First Christian Church. Please pray for Helen and the choir as they tour.

How's your knowledge of U.S. history? Do you know who said "All we have to fear is fear itself?" As you move towards the end of my ministry here you might be tempted to have some fears. Who will do this? Who will do that? Will all the bases be covered? Will we ever get a long-term senior pastor? One of my jobs, as I see it, is to help a congregation realize the strengths and abilities it has apart from its recently departed senior minister. Any congregation has its own particular strengths. This congregation will be discovering even more of these strengths as it successfully goes forward during the few weeks you will be without a senior pastor.

Also, the associate ministers have a solid hand in the functioning of this church. Helen plans all the worship services throughout the year as well as the music every Sunday, working with several of the church's groups and doing pastoral care work for which she has special training. Linn keeps the education program going as well as working with several of the committees of the church.

Your church officers, your Board of Trustees, Elders, Diaconate, and committees will give the church the lay-leadership it needs. You can count on them.

And please, my dear Christian people, hold steadfast because of Christ. Count on the living Christ and his Holy Spirit. This is not just a human organization. So, let your hope be strong and let your thoughts, your words and your deeds be filled with the positive attitude of faith. Now is the time to use your faith.

Shalom,

Dick K.

OUR SEMINARY INTERN is looking for some storage space. He has a few pieces of furniture and several boxes he needs to store. If you have some extra room in the attic, the basement, or a spare room, please let Jim know or call the church office. Thanks!

PLEASE NOTE

Mrs. Frieda Miller, 130 W. Maple Grove needs someone to trim the weeds around her fence. If anyone is interested in this job, please call the church office.

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Beth Doehrman (25)

Lois Buchanan (27)

Connie Kampenga (28)

Dwain Graham (28)

Tom Rayl (29)

Mildred Linn (29)

Mildred Hartman (29)

Cheryl Busse (30)

Marilyn Butler (1)

Schellie Englehart (1)

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	6-2-91	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attendance	170	200
Budget Giving	$5,905.99	$3,568.29

NEEDED WEEKLY: $4,266.27

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - JUNE 9, 1991

Jenni Wills; Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Smith, 12809 Redding; Mrs. Wayne Huss, 1134 Lagro Dr.; Bonnie & Michelle Niemann, 7315 W. Ferguson Road; and youth from Tipton, IN - Justin Ball, Maria Grimes, Melody Michel, Lee Hull, Tony Grimes, R. Davis, Bethana Sloan, Naomi Sypier, Holly Davis, Terri Dollens, Connie & Jeremy Young.

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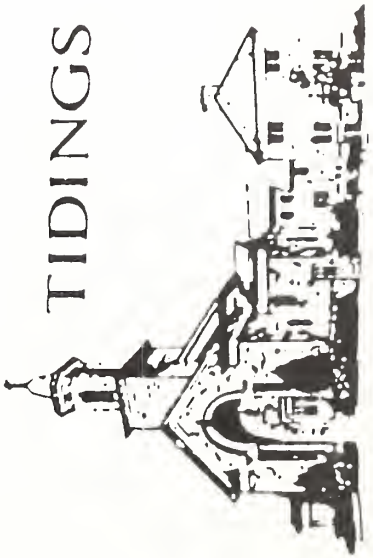

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TO: ELDERS & DIACONATE

Please RSVP your intentions for the Elder/Diaconate Orientation meeting to be held June 26, 1991 to Judy Church or Neva Mennewisch. There will be a catered meal by Casa D'Angelo at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We need your reservations by June 23. The cost is $4.25 to be paid in advance. If you cannot attend the meal, the meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ralph Church reports that the Search Committee is very hopeful at the present time. The committee is currently working with two candidates and in both cases their seems to be interest by the candidate and the committee. Please pray for this hard-working committee of ours.

NEW COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, June 25, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. PROPERTY COMMITTEE will also meet that evening.

Coleen Wilcoxson is a patient at St. Joseph.
Gus Mueller is a patient at St. Joseph.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN FELLOWSHIP HALL???

As you pass through Fellowship Hall next week you will see a lot of activity. There will be several mentally handicapped children of various ages and their teachers. This is the Summer Enrichment Program we reported to you following the Board's decision in May.

The children and their teachers will use Fellowship Hall Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for 8 weeks. Do not hesitate to walk through as we normally do. The teachers are glad to have you pass by.

If we need to use fellowship hall during this time period, arrangements will be made for the children's activities outside the building. Please welcome these special children and their teachers. This is a wonderful outreach use of our building.

Janice Graham is the Head Teacher for the Summer Enrichment Program meeting in Fellowship Hall for the next eight weeks.

Janice has recently moved to Fort Wayne from Tulsa, Oklahoma where she was a special education teacher for 9 years. She has been substitute teaching in Special Education in the Fort Wayne Community Schools since January. Please welcome Janice and her staff.

Young Adults;

Let's have a party!

Steve Marks and Kathy Blocher have invited us all over to Steve's house for a cookout and swimming. Steve lives at 5505 Northcrest Dr. The date is Saturday June 22 from 1:00 to ?. Let's meet at Steve's house (Coldwater North to Washington Center Rd. turn right and go to Dartmouth, turn right and go to Northcrest, turn left to 5505 - corner of Northcrest and Catalina, 482-3331). Here's what you need to bring: swimsuit, towel, lawn chair (if you want to sit), your own meat (or other) to grill, a side dish to share. Kids are welcome.

We still are trying to plan an outing at the wagon wheel in July or August. We can talk about it around the pool while we drip mustard onto Steve's lawn chairs.

See you there!
Young Adult Planning Group

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FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

As you read this I will be immersed in the Annual Conference of Interim Senior Ministers, held in San Francisco. This is an interdenominational conference. One business item is especially important to us, coordination of Disciple and UCC interim ministries.

My sermon this Sunday will be the first in a series designed to prepare for your new Senior Pastor. I'm calling it "Blessings or Faults." It's based on Mark 3:1-6. Come to think about it, it will be good for any time.

Your active participation in the church is important to me, especially after I leave. Why after I leave? Because it is important to Christ and the focus of my ministry is to bring people ever closer to Christ. Gear yourself to be a visible christian, witnessing to your faith in Christ by your actions.

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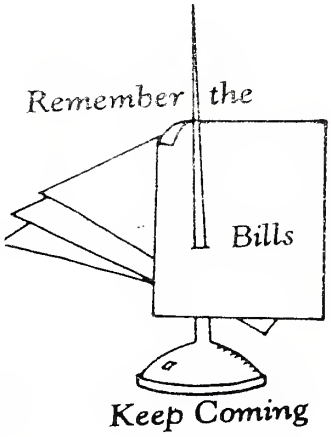

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SERVING JUNE 23

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8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter-SW, T. Knuckles-NW, C. Long, P. Tobias

10:45 A.M. C. Hatten-SW, J. Hatten-NW, B. Kelly-SE, J. Kelly-N[illegible] D. Kreischer, M. Quick, D. Ri[illegible] M. Walsh

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, J. Ot[illegible], J. Young

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Bowen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

E. Conrad - D. Harter
R. Church - N. Knappenberger
P. Mullen - M. Mullen
C. Miller - C. Linn

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dick & Judy Mey

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Rose Newton

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MONDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 A.M. Summer Enrichment Program

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 A.M. Summer Enrichment Program
5:50 P.M. Softball Game at Lawton #2
7:00 P.M. Committees (PROPERTY WILL MEET)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 A.M. Summer Enrichment Program
6:00 P.M. Elders/Diaconate Dinner and Orientation Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 A.M. Summer Enrichment Program

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 A.M. Summer Enrichment Program

BIRTHDAYS JULY 2-8
Steve Kreischer (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Miles Zimmerman, Jr. (4)
Paul Waugh (5)
Michael Piatt (5)
Mai Pauley (5)
Peggy Wells (6)
John Clevenger (7)
George Ludwig (8)
Lola Miller (8)

PLEASE NOTE: The Personnel Committee will meet on Monday, June 24, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

Dick Vanderwall

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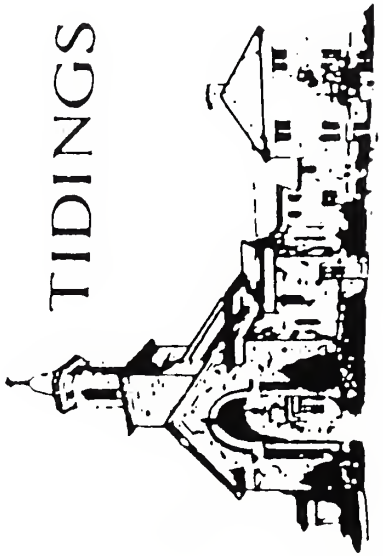

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WE WILL BE BIDDING FAREWELL to Paul, Margaret, and James Champion during early worship this Sunday, June 30. A reception will follow during the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall. Stay after worship or come early to wish them well as they move from Fort Wayne.

MEET "ROSIE THE RIVETER" AND VIRGINIA WOOLF during the Women's Forum at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday during July in the Parlor. Issues common to women's experience will be explored. Kris Ohneck, Linda Cobb, and Linn Bartling will facilitate.

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PLEASE NOTE.....The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 & Friday, July 5, 1991.

BOB'S CLASS will not meet again until August 4.

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Coleen Wilcoxson remains hospitalized at St. Joseph's.
Roger Gross had an angioplasty at St. Joseph's and is home recovering.
Margaret Snouffer was hospitalized at Lutheran with pneumonia.
Opal Perkins died early Sunday morning. Services were held at Klaehn's on Wayne Street on Tuesday morning. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Evelyn Yeoman, Dorothy Overmyer, Linda Merrick, Bev Hendricks, Gene Klepfer, and Harold Nordblom for staffing the office last week in Diane's absence. Bouquets to Eileen Klepfer for recruiting them.

The Festival Choir returned on Sunday, June 16 from a tour south as far as Atlanta. They sang 9 times in 8 days, with an impromtu mini-concert at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the church of Martin Luther King, Jr. The choir was greeted everywhere by friends and members of families who journeyed from all over the south to hear them and to visit. Special concerts were in Rossville, Georgia, at Dr. Tom Bridges home church (Tom is pastor at South Wayne Baptist); Athens, Ala., for a memorial concert at Athens State College for the brother of one of the members; at Vine Street Christian where Dick, Mindy, Dave and Laura Hamm met the bus; and in Dayton where the dedication of the new sanctuary was celebrated with the presence of a (formerly East) German pastor. After supper members of Epiphany Lutheran and the Festival Choir enjoyed swapping stories of how they managed to get sets of handbells through the wall in 1989!

But all was not seriousness. The choir spent mornings at the Fairyland Caverns atop Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, at Stone Mountain State Park and Village outside of Atlanta, and in Underground Atlanta.

Some of them were even introduced to turnip greens and fried okra for the first time!

Members of First Christian on tour were: Melissa Orr, Katie Kilgore, Rose Gaskill, Tracy Critell, Kris Ohneck, Jim and Rose Newton, and Helen Donnell.

THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM'S newsletter to parents lists Swim Day on Thursdays, picnics and other special activities during the week. Janice, Traci, Michele and Amelia are the staff and would be glad to introduce you to the children as you come and go in the building during the week.

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TIME RUNNETH OUT

This year has gone quickly. So much has happened. There was the invasion of Kuwait just after I came here. The recession came sneaking in during these twelve months. Our military destroyed much of the infrastructure of Iraq and defeated its army (destroying many lives in the process). And that is just what was going on around us.

The time for us to say our good-byes is near. The Search Committee reports they are very near a recommendation. The church has remained strong and faithful. Now is the time to really step up and be counted as a faithful Disciple of Christ by your attendance, leadership and giving.

More next week.

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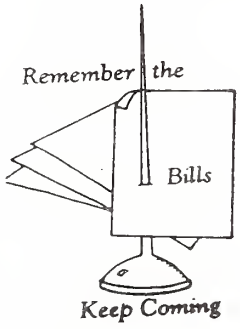

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AMAZING GRACES 2

Some of you may remember that last October, at the request of Bill Franklin, I spoke a little of the history of hymnology and asked the congregation to give me your three favorite hymns. I promised that every Sunday we would sing somebody's favorite hymn. This we have done every week, and the names of the choosers of the hymns have been in the bulletins. But there were some gaps in that history, and I thought at the time that "Amazing Graces 2" was going to be a necessity, for the history of hymns must also include our German heritage. They didn't all come from England. Then too, hymnology is an ongoing creative endeavor. It didn't stop in the early 1900's! And so once again I would like to speak about the same subject from the other giant leg of the Reformation and will request that those of you who chose hymns which are not in our hymnal and therefore not singable because of copyright restrictions, replace them with ones from our book. If anybody would like to add 3 more, I will be pleased to have them. See you Sunday!

Helen

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TUESDAY, JULY 2

5:45 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

10:30 A.M. Naomi Circle Potluck at Genevieve Ripple's, 3405 Central Drive

BIRTHDAYS JULY 9-15

Janet Myers (9)
David Kreischer (9)
Helen Sheerin (9)
David Griggs (9)
Alice Nulf (10)
Marge Thomas (11)
Bob Johnson (11)
Nancy Harter (11)
Judy Markley (12)
Darvin Tomes (14)

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Metta Hike, 2507 Brooklyn (previously Metta Stucky); Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Gutmann.

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RECEPTION FOR DICK & KATIE KILGORE - SUNDAY, JULY 14

On Sunday, July 14, we will show our appreciation to Dick and Katie for their time here and their service to First Christian Church. It will be Dick's last Sunday in the pulpit and we invite all members and friends to be a part of the farewell blessing which will be a part of the service. A reception will follow the 10:45 a.m. worship service in Fellowship Hall.

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FORUM AT NORTH CHRISTIAN

On Wednesday evening, July 10, at North Christian Church, 5201 Camden Drive, there will be a forum concerning the misunderstanding of prospective General Minister and President, Michael Kinnamon's position on homosexuality in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Members of Area I Christian Churches are invited to be a part of the discussion.

DISCIPLE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL - it's time to renew your subscription to the Disciple Magazine. There a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. By subscribing as a group, we receive a better rate.

KENNETH DEAN TO SPEAK JULY 21

We are fortunate to have our Interim Regional Minister, Kenneth Dean, to be in the pulpit Sunday morning, July 21, for both services. Ken has a great pastoral heart and understanding of the church in today's world. Please welcome Ken in our worship services on the 21st.

NO MEN'S BREAKFAST IN JULY.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, July 9, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE AN ISSUE OF TIDINGS THE WEEK AFTER JULY 4.

CONCERNS & JOYS

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Dick Vanderwall is at the lake recovering from surgery done last week at Lutheran Hospital.

Dear Past Members and Still Friends of the Fort Wayne, First Christian Church,

Louis and Opal Culbertson, Sr., will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 8 with their family at a reunion in Winamac, Indiana. They currently reside at 7140 Westfield Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

THANK YOU

First Christian has been the recipient of the gift of $5,000.00 in a separate account designated for the maintenance of the Steinway piano from Sarah Smith (Mrs. Don). She will cover the costs of tuning for the first 2 years herself so that interest may accrue to be used for future expenses. We are so grateful to Sarah for this marvelous gift, and never hear a single note on the instrument, let alone play on, that we aren't excited anew at having it a part of our worship, and remember Ethel Shroyer, in whose memory the piano is given, with affection and appreciation.

LET'S MAKE BANNERS

God's people yearn to say "amen." The spoken word is not always possible but the visual expression is just as eloquent when seen in the art of the church. Most of us could not begin to make a stained glass window - but we could attempt a banner to grace the sanctuary. That is why the Worship Committee is co-ordinating the construction of new banners. The first set has been approved and construction will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 9 at the church. Bring sharp scissors to cut fabric and a ruler or yardstick. Everyone is welcome to come join in our "amen" session.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

If anyone or several people together would like to serve as coffee hour hosts during the summer and fall months, please call Karen Bushey, 747-3770. This is a wonderful way to meet new members and to reacquaint yourself with others. A great fellowship time!

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP FOR THE INDIANA REGIONAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Registrations are available in the church office or through Kris Ohneck. Plan now to attend! Three persons have signed up already. Join them for an inspiring experience. July 13-14 at DePauw University - Greencastle.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORT

$245.00 was collected on Sunday, June 30, for the Week of Compassion offering. Thanks to all who helped make this possible!

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE....?

This coming Sunday worship may seem a little strange to you. We don't promise snow but we are going to have a touch of Christmas in June. I won't say more than that except to name the scriptural base for the sermon - John 1:14 and Romans 1:9-12. This does have to do with the coming of your new Senior Pastor one of these days.

One thing I have tried to do in my years of ministry is avoid getting people to join the church because of me. Occasionally I may have slipped but my thinking is that people who join the church because of a particular minister are apt to lose interest when that minister leaves. People need to join the church of Jesus Christ, not the minister. Then, their loyalty is not taken away with a change of pastors. This means that the activity of the laity in visiting newcomers, befriending those who come, providing a strong atmosphere of loving care is extremely important. Those are the things that help people remain faithful, one minister after another. Look around you at the strength of this church and it is in the members who have stayed active, even during this interim time. Some have done this through many changes. I congratulate all of you!

Shalom,

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ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Bill Crouse

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Curt Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, T. Knuckles, C. Davis, B. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. L. Brey, S. Brey, D. Mey, L. Bushey, R. Hutchinson, R. Moll, M. Walsh, J. Walsh

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Bowen, B. Glasgow, D. Kreischer

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Johnson - K. Blocher
C. Ludwig - C. Hatten
Jt. Weicker - M. Hutchinson
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M.Hutchinson, S.Oden, M.Orr

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sam Hayes

ACOLYTES

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Ralph Church - Tim Knuckles

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Lindsay Miller

BIRTHDAYS JULY 16-29

Barbara Clevenger(17)
Erma Vanderwall(17)
Thelma Swift(17)
Jim Atkins(18)
George Davis(18)
Sue Oden(18)
Sherry Lytle(20)
Tom Wells(21)
Arline Hutchinson(21)
Jackson Phomsoupha(22)
Tom Harter(22)
Johnny Phomsoupha(22)
Mary Wilhelm(23)
Forrest Smith(24)
Alisha Stover(24)
E.Woodrow Klepfer(26)
Sue Brey(27)
Sam Smith(28)
Bette Haines(28)
Kevin Bozarth(28)

SERVING JULY 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter, M. Hutchinson, M. Rieke, E. Rieke

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley, S. Kerley, D. Kreischer, C. Murray, S. Murray, S. Smith, K. Taylor, E. Yeoman

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RECEPTION FOR KILGORES

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Judy Church - Pat Mullen

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Suzanne Murray

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SUNDAY, JULY 7

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9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 9

9:30 A.M. Construction of Banners sponsored by Worship Comm.
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

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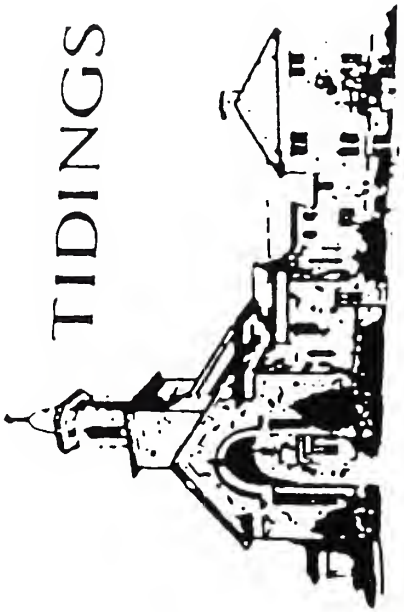

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KENNETH DEAN TO SPEAK THIS SUNDAY, JULY 21

We are fortunate to have our Interim Associate Regional Minister, Kenneth Dean, to be in the pulpit this Sunday July 21, for both services. Ken has a great pastoral heart nd understanding of the church in today's world. Please welcome Ken in our worship services on the 21st.

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For the carry in dinner, please bring an ample amount for your family. Dinner rolls and drinks will be provided.

FAREWELL

Katie and I wish all of you, individually and together, the very best in your life ahead. May Christ be your inspiration and guide. May His Spirit live in you day in and day out in your personal life, family life, work, play and in your church relationships and business. Pray for your new Senior Pastor and his family. Pray for them every day. Work at getting to know them personally and quickly. Don't put it off. Together with Christ this church can have a future filled with faithful service to the Lord. That, after all, is your mission, isn't it?

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AREA I PICNIC AND BOARD MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 28

The Area I Churches are invited to come for a day of fun and fellowship before transacting the business of the church. All churches are invited to First Christian, Auburn on Sunday, July 28 starting at 3:00. Each church is asked to provide either a softball team and/or a horseshoe pitching team. We will gather at 4:30 for a cookout. Auburn will provide the hot-dogs, buns, and the drinks, while the other churches will provide a carry-in. The Board Meeting originally scheduled for Monday the 29th will be held on Sunday the 28 at 6:00. Everyone is welcome. Please call First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, by Friday, July 19 so Diane can call First Christian, Auburn so they know how much food to prepare. Thank you.

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At Home: Hazel Crouse, Everett & Ressie Ehresman, Bette Haines, Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger,Ruby Kolkman, Bill Lehman, Carl Linn, Edythe Metcalf, Gus Mueller, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Helen Sheerin, Pauline Snyder, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

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SHARE THE CARE DAY

Saturday
July 20
8:00 - 12:00 noon
Bring a Sack Lunch
Drinks Provided

SERVING JULY 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Eunice Conrad and Gene Klepfer

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8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, G. Brown, T. Knuckles, C. Long

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Kris Ohneck

10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:00 A.M. Share the Care Day

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 23

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:15 P.M. Committees

SUNDAY, JULY 28

12:00 NOON - Congregational Meeting and Dinner

BIRTHDAYS JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Becky Babic (30)
Kelly Walsh (1)
Glenn Miller (1)
Margaret Snouffer (1)
Mary Lou Hartzler (1)
Wanda Howell (1)
Lori Lewis (1)
Dick Mory (1)
Max Knudsen (3)
Gloria Phillips (4)
Karen Lands (4)
Kathryn Eich (4)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 7-14-91

Florence, Derrick & Stacie Farr, 7962 Serenity Dr., Apt. B

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WANTED

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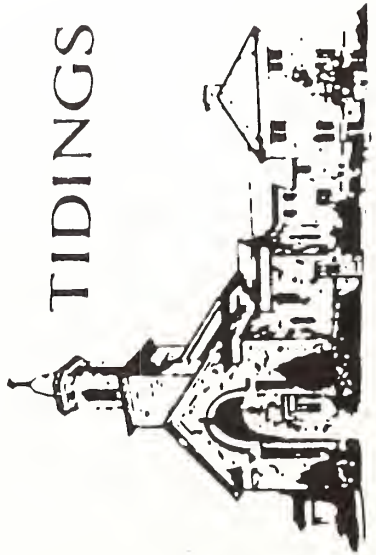

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Also on the stage at the Foellinger August 11 with this all-city choir will be Brothers in Song, an ecumenical men's chorus; the Hazemir Choir from the congregation Achduth Vesholom; the United Voices of Pilgrim from Pilgrim Baptist Church. If you can't sing, but enjoy tapestries, please be in the audience!

But if you love to sing, do come and be a part of this once-a-year experience beginning August 5 at First Baptist.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet on Saturday, August 3, 1991 at 8:00 a.m.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS may be picked up in the Narthex this Sunday.

CONCERNS & JOYS

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Gus Mueller is a patient at St. Joseph's.
Pauline Snyder is doing well following eye surgery.
Mary Wilhelm is also doing well following eye surgery.

We apologize for inadvertently omitting Lindsay Miller's name from the list of those who designed and constructed the banners. Thank you, Lindsay.

THANK YOU

Katie and I thank you for the wonderful gift and for all who contributed to it. It will be so helpful to us. We also thank all of you who have given us your warm expressions of appreciation and for the cards you have sent. God bless you all.
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GET A LOAD OF THIS!

CYF TRIP TO KING'S ISLAND SUNDAY AUGUST 11

6:00 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT

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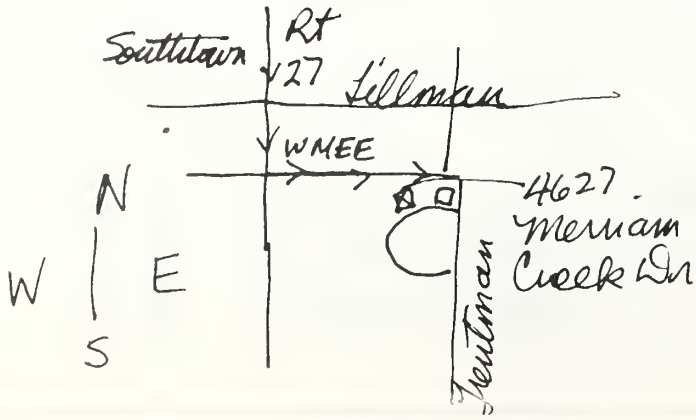

SUMMER FLING AT GEORGE & LINN BARTLING'S, Saturday, August 3, 3:00 P.M. Bring your own picnic supper (including table service), also bring your own lawn chairs. Come and have fun with volleyball, croquet, and swimming.

Hello!

We may be about to begin a new era at First with a new senior pastor! However, between July and September, the beat goes on. There's a lot of work to be done--eight weeks worth. The staff will be taking on an extra load during these weeks. Please support Linn, Helen, Diane, and John with your encouragement, co-operation, and prayers. We are the body of Christ in this place at this time. What we do here is important because it is people-work with eternal consequences.

In case of an emergency at a time when the office is closed, do not hesitate to call our ministerial staff at home: Linn - 447-2926 and Helen - 432-0152.

Let us ask for God's Spirit to be on us all that we as First Christian Disciples may be blessing to many now and in the future.

Emmi Conrad

Chair, Board of Elders

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

9:00 A.M. CWF Executive Committee Meeting

3:00 P.M. Summer Fling at Bartling's

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 6-12

David Orr (6)
Ronald Elliott (8)
Elizabeth Moody (8)
Roger Hutchinson (8)
Linda Wiley (9)
Charline Craig (10)
Beverly Johnston (10)
Marilyn Snouffer (11)
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Lou Simmons (12)

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CONGREGATION VOTES UNANIMOUSLY ON NEW SENIOR PASTOR

REV. JERRY ZEHR ACCEPTS CALL TO BE THE NEW SENIOR PASTOR OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. TENTATIVE FIRST DATE IN THE PULPIT WILL BE SEPTEMBER 29. MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK!!

THE REV. PAUL CHAMPION, Chaplain at St. John Medical Center in Anderson, IN will be the guest preacher on August 4. Paul needs no introduction to this congregation for he and Margaret and James have been so much a part of our lives for 3 years. We look forward to welcoming them on Sunday.

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NEWS ABOUT SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

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During the months of July and August, the office will be closed at noon.

CONCERNS & JOYS

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Also on the stage at the Foellinger August 11 with this all-city choir will be Brothers in Song, an ecumenical men's chorus; the Hazemir Choir from the congregation Achduth Vesholom; the United Voices of Pilgrim from Pilgrim Baptist Church. If you can't sing, but enjoy tapestries, please be in the audience!

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GET A LOAD OF THIS!

CYF TRIP TO KING'S ISLAND SUNDAY AUGUST 11

6:00 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT

$25.00 FOR PARK ADMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION

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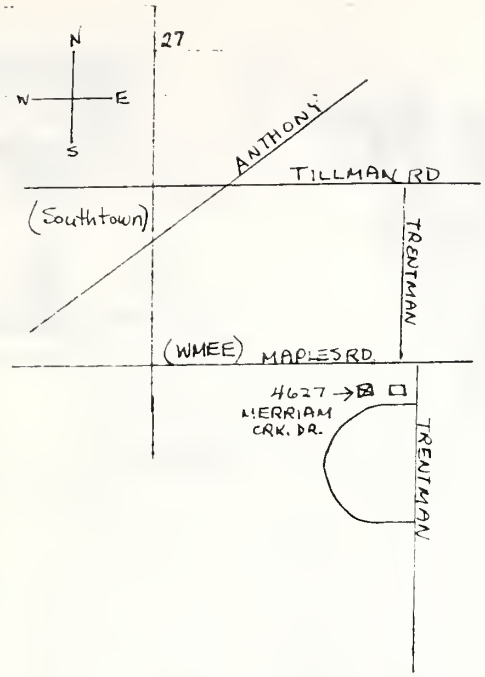

SUMMER FLING AT GEORGE & LINN BARTLING'S,
Saturday, August 3, 3:00 P.M. Bring your own picnic supper (including table service), also bring your own lawn chairs. Come and have fun with volleyball, croquet, and swimming.

Bartling's address is: 4627 Merriam Creek Drive

1991 BEDFORD MEN'S RETREAT

September 6-7, Theme - "Honoring The Inner Life".

Purpose: This year's retreat will focus on "Honoring The Inner Life" led by Rev. Scott Colglazier. Scott will base his presentation on the story of Joseph found in Genesis 37-50. It will have three movements, using the metaphor of coats that Joseph wore and which men wear today.

Scott will also lead a campfire experience using an Indian drum which he plays, sharing some poetry, doing a little body movement and letting men introduce themselves in a way which will connect us with the male spirit.

Fees: $30.00 - Pre-registration by September 1; $35.00 Registration after September 1. Make checks payable to Christian Church in Indiana and mail to: Mike Foster, 502 Knoll Drive, Bedford, IN 47421.

1991 FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

Sponsored by the Peace Education Commission of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Inc.

AUGUST

6 tues	7 wed	9 fri	11 sun
HIROSHIMA COMMEMORATION 8:15 p.m., West Riverbank, IPFW A service of remembrance for all victims of war.	VIGIL DAY OF PRAYER & RECONCILIATION 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church 611 W. Berry Street Short reading every half hour will help focus prayer on peace and reconciliation.	REFLECTIONS OF WAR: ENVISIONING THE FUTURE 12-1 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church. A brown-bag forum on war, its effects on us, and a look to the future.	CLOSING CELEBRATION: THE WORLD IS A TAPESTRY 6:30 p.m., Foellinger Theatre, Franke Park. Choral concert with the All-City Choir, Hazemir Choir, Brothers In Song, and United Voices of Pilgrim Church.

SERVING AUGUST 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck and Bill Franklin

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USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Bryket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D. Kreischer, E. Nordblom, H. Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

K.Graham-J.Walsh-J.Hatten
D. Oden - T. Hatten
C. Miller - M. Mullen
R. Hendricks - S. Oden

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D.Kreischer,D.Rinker,C.Davis

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sam Hayes

ACOLYTES

Kyle Kerley & Katie Moll

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Max & Lois Finkhousen

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:00 A.M. CWF Executive Committee Meeting
3:00 P.M. Summer Fling at Bartling's

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS
9:30 A.M. August Adventures
9:30 A.M. Breakfast Plus
9:30 A.M. Bob's Class

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00 P.M. All-City Choir

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 P.M. All-City Choir

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 13-19

Marge Mitchell (13)
Rebecca Bowman (15)
Bruce Grimm (16)
Lois Finkhousen (18)
Kirk Spencer (19)
Charles Linn (19)

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON 7-28-91

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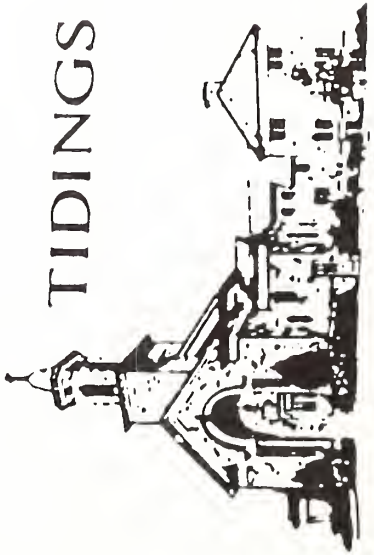

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Jerry E. Zehr has been called to be the Senior Pastor of our Church. Jerry is 36 years old, and is currently the Senior Minister of Augusta Christian Church, Indianapolis. Fred and Rychie Smell are part of Jerry's congregation at Augusta.

Jerry is familiar with Fort Wayne, having graduated from Snider High School. He graduated from Ball State in 1977, with degrees in Speech and Theater. Jerry taught in high school at Peru, from 1984 - 1987. In Peru, Jerry joined a Disciples' church and from his involvement in that congregation made a commitment to go into the ministry.

Jerry attended CTS from 1981-1985 and graduated with a Master of Ministry degree. Jerry and his wife Diane, met at CTS. They have two daughters, Jennifer, 20 years old and Lori, 18 years old.

Jerry enjoys his work in the Ministry and is very much oriented to working with people. He expects that September 29 will be his first Sunday in our pulpit.

We look forward to his coming with enthusiasm (both his and ours), and have assured him that he will receive overwhelming support for the success of our mutual ministry at FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FORT WAYNE.

THIS SUNDAY - THE WORLD IS A TAPESTRY

This Sunday evening, August 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Foellinger Theater, Franke Park, there will be the closing choral celebration of the Festival of Peace and Understanding. Four choirs will be taking part: the hundred voice all-city choir; the Hazemir Choir from the Achduth Vesholom Congregation; Brothers in Song, an ecumenical men's chorus, and the United Voices of Pilgrim from Pilgrim Baptist Church. The annual Peace Award will be presented by the Peace Education Commission of Associated Churches. The congregation is invited to come and enjoy the concert, The World Is a Tapestry, in the park!

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THANK YOU'S

Thank you to those who made "The Wonder of Worship" a wonderful experience for children: Sue Brey, Laura McFarland, Lauren Ewing, Katie Kilgore, Barb Hayes, Shelley Atkins, and Laurie Bushey.

Thank you to Charlie Hatten, George Davis, Jim Bushey, Dwain & Kathy Graham, Wes Westerfield, Charlie Byrket, Kris Ohneck, John Perry, Linn Bartling, and Dave Kreischer for participating in Share the Care Day July 20. Trimming, weeding and yard work as well as some painting inside and improving the drainage on the west side of the building was accomplished.

Dear First Christian Church,

We would like to thank you for opening your doors to the Summer Enrichment Program. Ian has had a great summer! Thank you also for your invitation to August 4 worship service. We won't be able to attend as we will be in New England by then on our vacation. A while back, a stuffed animal was given to Ian from the church -- a dog which he really likes. Thank you for this gift! You have been generous and understanding of the special needs of these children and that is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Winfield, Lyn, Todd, and Ian Wetherbee

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At its meeting on June 17, 1991, the Regional Board called Rev. C. Edward Weisheimer as Indiana's Regional Minister. Dr. Weisheimer has served as an Associate Regional Minister in Indiana since 1985.

Dr. Weisheimer's responsibilities during these past 6 years have included serving as staff to Indiana's Commission on Ministry, Commission on Community & Global Concerns and our Joint Task Force on Ecumenical Concerns. He has had pastoral care of Area 11 congregations, ministers and families as well as other duties.

In the June/July issues of The Indiana Christian, there are 2 articles regarding Dr. Weischeimer's call and which provide biographical information including information on Ed's faith journey, special interests and hopes and dreams. He brings many gifts to ministry and is a dedicated servant.

PRAYER SERVICE will begin this Sunday, August 11, 1991. This brief time together, 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Chapel every Sunday evening. The service will include:

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Nancy Kolkman (20)
Joshua Lytle (20)
Janet Smith (21)
Marie Redman (24)
John Olson (25)
Irvin Koehlinger (25)
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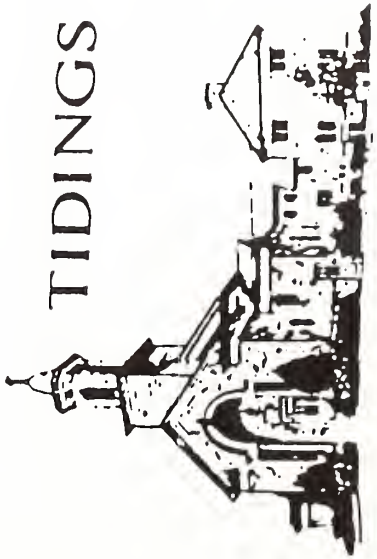

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CONGRATULATIONS to Tammy Luce & Deron Ballenger who were married by Linn Bartling in our sanctuary last Saturday, August 10!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent eye surgery. A special thank you to the Cheer Committee and to Helen for her visit.

Mary Wilhelm

Many thanks to all for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, and visits. A special thank you to Dr. Kilgore and Helen Donnell for their visits.

Collen Wilcoxson

Thanks for the very nice memorial service for Augusta Mueller. I appreciated the pianist, vocalist, ushers and both pastors. The Chapel was very appropriate. I am a niece to Marge who looked after him. His religious background has been a blessing to our whole family. He would insist on giving "Grace" at our meals with all hands held. This is not always done at home.

Keep up the good work!

Bonnie Pier

Thank you so much for providing the site for the Summer Enrichment Program. The children have had a fabulous summer because of your support and kindness. We appreciate the thoughtfulness that so many have shown the children, parents, and staff. Thanks again!

The Summer Enrichment Program

I appreciated very much for prayers and caring that I received during my weekend stay in the hospital. Thanks also to Linn, Helen, and for the cards that I received from so many. Thanks also to the Cheer Committee for the delicious meal from Bill & Jo Franklin.

Mark Snyder

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YOUNG ADULTS

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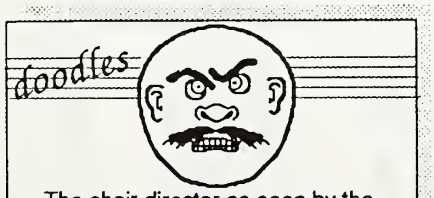
The committee has passed unanimously on guidelines for hymnal committee procedures, language, theology, types of worship resources, text evaluation, tune evaluation and service music.

In August, questionnaires are going to every congregation from which data will be collected regarding hymnal usage, meaningful hymns and a congregational profile. There will be a request made to each congregation for a contact person who will share information and become a liaison between the local congregations and the hymnal committee.

There will be an Interest Session at the General Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, October 26. Plan to have representatives from your local congregations present. Committee members will be present and open to ideas and to share progress on the plans for the hymnal

The choir director as seen by the piano tuner.



The choir director as seen by the accompanist.

Denominational

During an ecumenical gathering, someone rushed in and shouted; "The building is on fire!"

The Methodist gathered in a corner and prayed.
The Baptists cried:"Where's the water?"
The Christian Scientists agreed among themselves that there was no fire.
The Fundamentalist shouted:"It's the vengeance of the Lord!"
The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring that the fire was evil.
The Quakers quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.
The Catholics passed the collection plate.
The Presbyterians appointed a chaiperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter.
TheCongregationalists and the Disciples shouted: "Every man for himself!"
And the Episcopalians? They formed a procession and marched out in grand stuyle!

SERVING AUGUST 18

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8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Don Oden and Curt Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

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Charlie & Teresa Hatten

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9:30	A.M.	Church School
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9:30	A.M.	Breakfast Plus
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10:45	A.M.	Second Worship
6:15	P.M.	Prayer Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 P.M. Ensemble Practice

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2

Nancy Smith (28)
Mary Cook (28)
Lindsay Miller (28)
Clarence Hendrickson (29)
Rocky Baugher (29)
Gene Shirley (31)
Richard Kilgore (31)
Barb Hayes (31)
Mildred Sarrazin (1)
Dan Moll (1)
Jason Cobb (1)
Mildred Jewell (1)
Raymond Sarrazin (2)
Grace Truby (2)
Evelyn Yeoman (2)

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	8-4-91	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attendance	176	192
Budget Giving	$2,800.05	$3,416.38
Needed Weekly:	$4,266.27	

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 8-11-91

Larry, Jackie, Brett and Berke Smith, 5817 Leesville Place.

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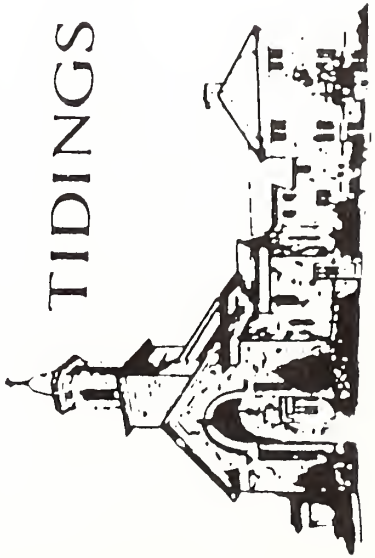

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BIBLE STORY THEATER will present the story of Joseph this Sunday, August 25 at both worship services. Mona Will, Deb Rinker, Donna McEvoy, and Laura York are producers, directors, etc. of this exciting August Adventure for kids.

Plan on joining us for worship!

RECEPTION FOR LINN THIS SUNDAY

Come celebrate Linn Bartling's ministry with us at a farewell cake 'n coffee party after second service this Sunday, August 25. Wish her well as she goes on into a new job of service. See you there!

YOUNG ADULTS

The group is going on a bike ride down the River Greenway. We hope you can join us. Here are the details: this Saturday, August 24 - start at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Shelley Atkins' apartment (516 Three Rivers East, 424-2525).

Please bring your bike and a few dollars for refreshments (at Shelley's place after the ride).

BREAKFAST PLUS - 9:30 A.M. - FOUR SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

The Christian Education and Outreach & Service Committees again present Breakfast Plus in August. A continental breakfast for youth and adults will be followed by a program.

August 25 - Rev. Terry Anderson, Fort Wayne Campus Minister, will give an update on Campus Ministry.

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Congratulations to Phillip Nygaard & Geraldine Karns who were married in the Chapel last Thursday evening by Linn Bartling.

Walter Bowen has provided over 3000 hours of dedicated service to the patients and staff of Lutheran Hospital since starting as a volunteer in 1976. We are grateful for this commitment to Lutheran Hospital and its patients. Congratulations, Walter!

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1991 BARBEE MEN'S RETREAT

September 20-22, THEME: "A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"

Resource Leader: Rev. Don Jones.

Purpose: This year's retreat will focus on David in the Old Testament. In this presentation Don will explore the Dimensions of masculine wholeness as manifested in David the King in the Old Testament, and Christ the Lord in the New Testament. This retreat will look at how to access the spiritual energies that are buried in the masculine soul.

Cost: $30 Pre-registration by Sept. 1; $35.00 Registration after Sept. 1. Call the church office or Charlie Hatten (447-2649) for a registration form.

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URGENT - LAST CHANCE!!

ADDRESS CHANGES

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6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00 P.M. Committees - WORSHIP, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, & EVANGELISM WILL MEET

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 3-9

Pauline Snyder (3)
Jessica Hatten (3)
Mark Rayl (4)
Diane Mory (4)
Debbie Knudsen (5)
Ellen Duncan (7)
Marilyn Rayl (8)
Kris Ohneck (9)

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Property, Outreach & Service, Lay Leadership, and Fellowship will not meet.

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GATHERING PLACE

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Weicker are pleased to announce the birth of their new granddaughter, Amy Marie, 8 lbs., 5 oz., on Wednesday, August 21, to Jane, Joe, and Amanda Wagoner! Congratulations!

Anne Lee and Bill Scott were married by the Rev. John Vickrey in our sanctuary Saturday evening August 24. Anne is the daughter of Carole Davis. Congratulations!

Jim Grimshaw has completed a full Basic Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Lutheran Hospital. Congratulations!

Margaret Snouffer has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Donna Wininger has gone home also from Lutheran Hospital.

Covington Manor: Bette Haines.

YOU'RE INVITED

The congregation is invited to a joyous occasion in the Dick Mory household when Dick and Diane will have an Open House for their son Kevin and his bride-to-be Marilyn Netcher, Saturday, August 31, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., at their home, 320 W. Concord Lane. The wedding will be in Reading, Michigan in October.

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A NOTE FROM JERRY --

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I have already met with Don Kampenga and Jim Bushey (chair & vice-chair of the Board), and we had a great meeting laying the groundwork for my coming. I am setting up times to meet with the staff to prepare for the fall, and am looking forward to working with the staff, our chairpeople, and the board. If the search committee, chair and vice-chair of the board and staff are reflective of the talent and vision of the total church, I know we will do great things with God's help.

Well, I better get back to the packing and cleaning. You know, there is something spiritual about cleaning. I haven't found it yet but I keep hoping.

We have made an offer on a condominium and I hope by the next newsletter we'll have a place to call home there in Fort Wayne.

You are all in our prayers and I ask that you keep us in yours as we prepare for the new ministry together.

Peace,

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PLEASE NOTE

Linn will begin her new job September 3 for the One Church-One Offender Program. Her office will be located at 436 E. Douglas, telephone - 422-8688.

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 8-25-91

Mary Vaught, 2422 Juliette Avenue; Duane Hooley, 708½ Columbia; Donna Spake & A.J. Pratt, 8126-3A Bridgeway Circle; Kim & Karey Ellis; 8108 Bridgeway Circle, 1-A.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Office Closed - Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00 P.M. Teachers Leadership Training

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 10-16

Mike Chapin (10)
Mildred Hogg (10)
Kathy Graham (10)
Candace Cole (10)
Pheung Phomsoupha (11)
John Truesdell (12)
Lori Bagley (12)
Anne Scott (12)
Charles Wrisk (13)
Tami Davis (13)
Jim Bramel (14)
Edna Vaught (15)
Dick Ashton (15)
Eric Baugher (16)

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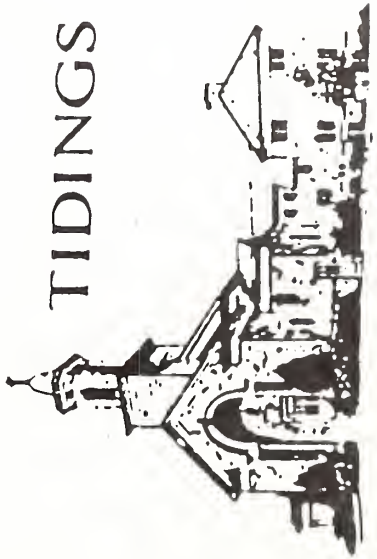

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In the meantime, Helen Donnell will be the full time staff minister and will be available to meet any of the needs of members of the congregation, or will be able to direct them to sources where help may be available. She may be reached at anytime in the office (744-3239) or at home (432-0152).

Jim Grimshaw will be the staff person working with the Christian Education Committee in addition to his regular responsibilities. He will be at the church Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. He may be reached at the church or at home (744-3613).

We offer Helen, Jim, Diane, and John our support and encouragement during this transitional period, and ask that members of the congregation fill in where needed.

Donald P. Kampenga

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR EVERYONE!

It is with great joy that we look forward to this Sunday, September 8! The Rev. Charles Blaisdell, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, will be our guest preacher for both services. Virginia Johnson will be our lovely soloist. THE GATHERING PLACE will happen for the first time at 9:30 a.m. for 15 minutes before Sunday School classes begin, with singing and announcements, and the introduction of all the teachers to their classes. The Chancel Choir will be consecrated at the 10:45 service and will be back in place as music ministers. Also, during Extended Session, second graders will be welcomed to their special class led by Bill Franklin which will help them to understand and take part in the worship services.

We hope that with school back in session, and vacations about over, that there will be a large and joyous crowd gathered after summer separations to worship and renew important activities and friendships. Welcome back to study and to worship!

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It's not too late to become a part of the Chancel Choir which is rehearsing every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. I guess I'm just crazy enough to want the biggest and best to welcome a new Pastor! If you sing at all, won't you please make this commitment!!

The first practice for the Carillon will be Thursday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to learn to ring, or to renew this skill, do please call Helen at 744-3239, or home, 432-0152. We have special occasions to ring for, like a welcoming service on the 29th, and an Installation Service in November.

Creative Arts will begin the first week in October. Since my right arm Jane Walsh will be going to school, I am in desperate need for someone to help with the children---man or woman. If you would enjoy helping with, or planning crafts and games, would you please let me know! Many thanks.

Helen

MEN'S BREAKFAST - this Saturday, September 7, 8:00 a.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, September 10, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK - September 15-22. See exhibit in Fellowship Hall.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bette Haines who died this week. Services are pending as of this writing.

Congratulations to Deanna (Clifton) & Adrian Gallegos in the birth of Mitchell Scott, 10 lbs., 7 oz., born Saturday, August 31.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

What a lovely send-off! All your good wishes and notes were very much appreciated and your love gift was overwhelming!

Thank you for your support and I echo Eunice's farewell not as good-bye, but as a wish that you fare well.

I know there will be exciting days ahead as Jerry comes to minister with you and the staff and that First will continue to be a loving community of faith.

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Love,
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During this time of transition for the church I hope you will let all the staff know how much you appreciate their leadership and walk in this in-between time.

One of the ways that Diane and I want to get settled and get to know everyone is to have a number of home meetings in October and November in which we will gather with 10-12 people from the congregation for a time of fellowship and discussion about your hopes and dreams for the church as we begin our ministry together. I hope everyone will sign up so we can meet you on a more one to one basis.

We made an offer on a condominium in Covington Creek by Time's Corners, and it was accepted, so now we'll find out if the bank will let us have it.

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Budget Giving	$2,617.51	$3,383.99
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9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS

9:30 A.M. Bob's Class

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON Acolyte Training

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 A.M. Jim Grimshaw's PRC Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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Birthdays last week were incorrect - please note the following:

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Janice Ashton (10)
Erin Proegler (11)
Sandy Zimmerman (12)
Rita Alexander (12)
Barb Rumpel (12)
Kevin Byrket (12)
Ruth Plummer (12)
Beulah Timmons (13)
Edith Varner (13)
Almeda Rice (15)
Tracey Kiessling (15)
Marvel Brickley (15)
Edna Nordblom (15)
Dan Flickinger (17)
Margaret Smith (19)
Mary Novachcoff (19)
Ginny Johnson (19)
Klark Karlov (20)
Rosalie Hall (20)
Ellen Crowder (21)
Ruth Norton (21)
Paul Champion (21)
Westin Hudlow (22)
Bert Leversee (22)
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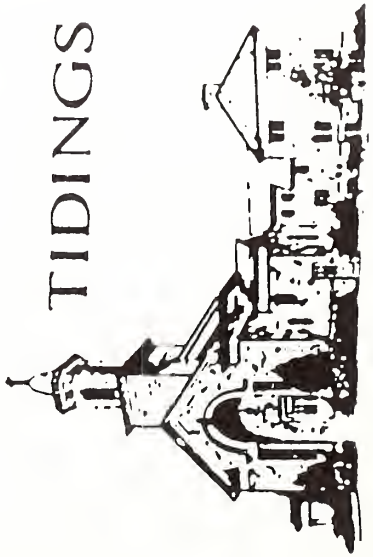

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All Sunday School teachers will be installed at the second service this Sunday. It is a special time set aside to give them our support and encouragement.

Please attend church on Sunday and worship with us.

INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

"We will not hide the teachings from our children. We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done." (Psalm 78)

This Sunday, September 15, the Christian Education leaders of our congregation will be installed at the second service. This is an important Sunday for us, to recognize those people and encourage those people who will pass on the teachings and traditions of our Christian faith from one generation to the next.

All teachers and leaders in Christian education are invited to the second service to be installed in preparation to provide faithful leadership this year.

We hope all those in the congregation can attend to be a part of this important event.

As Jesus said, "go and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

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CONCERNS & JOYS

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A Memorial Communion service for Bette Haines was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in our Sanctuary. Jim Grimshaw, Helen Donnell, and Linn Bartling were the ministers, Kris Ohneck and Jack Weicker, the Elders. Tapes of the service are available by calling the office for those who were not able to be here and who may perhaps feel comforted by listening. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends.

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Creative Arts will begin the first week in October. Since my right arm Jane Walsh will be going to school, I am in desperate need for someone to help with the children---man or woman. If you would enjoy helping with, or planning crafts and games, would you please let me know! Many thanks.

Helen

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 9-8-91

Mike and Jane Vorndran, P.O. Box 44, Hoagland, IN; Frieda Lowery, Moore, MT; Cheryl Childer; Mrs. Clanton Baker, 414 E. Decker, Winamac, IN.

NEWS FROM FOOD BANK

August was a record month for First Christian Church's Food Bank with 2,640 meals being provided to our neighbors. Please remember this ministry the next time you do your grocery shopping and if possible, include for the Food Bank.

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Jt. Weicker - S. Smith
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle
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Robert Petty (24)
Mark Mishler (25)
Jenny Harter (25)
Dorothy Overmyer (26)
Arabella Kreischer (28)
Ralph Richard (29)
John Briggs (29)
Lonnie Markley (29)
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We welcome with him to our church family his wife Diane who is also an ordained minister in the Christian Church, Disciples, and who is currently serving on the Regional Staff as Interim Associate Regional Minister for Southwestern Indiana. In the beginning she will be helping him with the youth activities, particularly Chi Rho. Their daughter Jennifer is 20 and daughter Lori is 18.

Members of the congregation are invited to a special Sunday September 29 when they will be welcomed in the services and he will be preaching, followed by a congregational dinner in Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to be present on that day which we have looked forward to for so long.

All of us are grateful to the Search Committee for their long hours of search and interview with several candidates. The amount of time, energy and thought that has gone into the search for a new pastor is inestimable. Ralph Church headed the committee. Members who worked with him were: Jerry Zimmerman, Jim Bushey, Lauren Ewing, Ken Taylor, Mildred Hartman, Evelyn Yeoman, Larry Brey, Eunice Conrad, and Board Chairman, Don Kampenga. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!

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September 22 - End Stages of Life
September 29 - El Salvador and Central America
October 6 - Moratorium on Capital Punishment or Modern War and Military Action
October 13 - Videotape of Michael Kinnamon, nominee for General Minister and President
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We closed last Thursday with the mortgage company, so it really is happening! I want to thank Don Oden for all his help in helping us get settled. We hope to move in September 21, with September 23 being my first day in the office.

Moving back to Fort Wayne is like "Coming Home" for me, back to some of my earlier roots. For some of you who have been away over the summer, being back in church will be like "Coming Home." There are many rich stories in the Bible, telling of the faithful who had come home to their God. Are you getting a sense of what my first sermon will be about? The story of Isaac, Esau, and Jacob is a theme with many sub plots that have a lot of drama, deception, transformation, and reconciliation (sounds like a movie of the week!). It concludes with a "Coming Home" experience. I hope you will read this story in Genesis over the next two weeks so that you can understand and enjoy the first 3 messages I will be sharing with you. This story holds a lot of truth about life, being a family (or a church) and as individuals wrestling with our faith. The story begins with Genesis 27:13 and goes to Genesis 33:10. It's an "easy read" as publishers would say, so I hope you'll take some time to read it and enjoy the story.

Finally, Jim Grimshaw has agreed to shift his portfolio from youth to work with the Education Department and Young Adults. I will work with the Youth Sponsors to get their fall programs going. Roger & Anne Moll and Curt & Deb Miller have agreed to work with CYF, and Diane (my wife) has agreed to help me with the Chi Rho on her day off. We will be looking for Chi Rho Sponsors, so if you receive a call.....SAY YES!

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   Buy 1 - #3 or #4 round detail brush
   Buy 1 - flat, brush with chisel edge (#4, #5, or #6)
3. Brushes are about $3.50 each
4. If you paint ceramics or do tole painting, the white, nylon brushes you use should be O.K.

You may register for this class by calling the church office at 744-3239. First come, first served. The size of the class is limited to just 15 persons.

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 9-15-91

Louie & Sandy Berger; Elizabeth Price.

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ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. G. Brown, R. Merrick, N. Knappenberger, B. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley, S. Kerley, B. Kelly, J. Kelly, M. Mullen, R. Stover, K. Taylor, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Ewing, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D. McEvoy, B. Glasgow, D. Kreischer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

R.Stover,K.Tobias,J.Smith,M.Smith

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Gary & Carolyn Falbe

ACOLYTES

Kristen Geroff & Brian Rinker

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Karen Bushey & Evelyn Yeoman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ewing

10:45 A.M. Rose Newton

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION

	9-8-91	AVER YTD
Worship Attendance	206	188
Budget Giving	$3,335.75	$3,384.48

Needed Weekly: $4,266.27

FOOD BANK NEEDS:
P-Nut Butter, Cereal, Pork 'n Beans, Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit

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6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:30 P.M. CWF to Byron Health Center
6:30 P.M. Paint-a-Shirt
7:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee in the Library

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:15 P.M. Committees (Evangelism, Fellowship, and Christian Education will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 A.M. CWF - Continental Breakfast

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 1-7

Geraldine Hendrickson (1)
Lynn Spencer (1)
Anna Taylor (2)
Ruth Bennington (3)
Bruce Stone (3)
Kathlyn Banet (4)
Tim Evans (4)
Brian Hayes (5)
Jean McGrew (5)
Deb Lester-Webb (5)
Earl Plummer (6)
Ruby Kolkman (7)
Bryce Stover (7)

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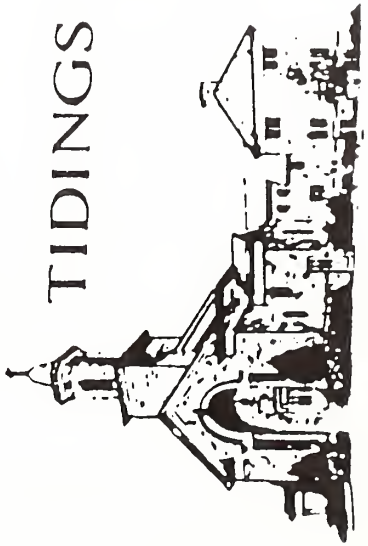

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WELCOME JERRY AND DIANE ZEHR!! - AND JENNIFER AND LORI!!

This Sunday will be the day that we have all looked forward to for so long. It is the Sunday when our new pastor, the Rev. Jerry Zehr, will be in the pulpit for the first time. We are planning special services to welcome him and his wife Diane, and hope that members of the congregation and friends of First Christian will be here to greet them.

Their two daughters, Jennifer and Lori, are in college and may not be able to be here. Lori majors in Music Education at Glenville State in West Virginia, and Jennifer is working and studying photography at the Herron Art School in Indianapolis. We will be eager to meet them, too.

Following the second service, the Fellowship Committee will host a welcoming dinner in Fellowship Hall. Meat, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert.

We are excited about this new day in the life of the congregation, and are full of prayers for his ministry here as well as the joy of anticipation. See you Sunday!

CWF GENERAL MEETING, THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

This Saturday, September 28, 1991, 9:00 a.m. Diane Zehr will present "Loving from the Inside Out." All women of the church are welcome to come and welcome Diane.

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Outreach & Service Committee

CONCERNS & JOYS

We have been saddened to learn that Phyllis Fitch has returned to America from Thailand and will be undergoing hip replacement surgery on October 1. Her address is: 8112 NW Pleasant Ford Road, Weatherby Lake, MO 64152. Phone - (812) 741-5262. Our prayers are with her, even as we welcome her home in the States.

Ethel Kinzie remains a patient at St. Joseph.

Florence Huddleston is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

THANK YOU'S

To the Church Family,

I want to express my gratitude of thanks for the love and kindness that was showed and the support I felt during the illness of Bette Haines.

Thanks to Jim Grimshaw, Helen Donnell, and Linn Bartling for each one of your visits and uplifting prayers. The memorial service was beautiful.

Thanks to the church family for all the prayers, many beautiful cards and notes and for the special love that Bette felt with each visit that she had with each of you.

She truly loved each of you. Bette will be missed so very much, someday we will all unite and celebrate with her again.

Your love, concern, and support was greatly appreciated.

God bless each of you. You are all so very special and loved very much.

Diane Arnold

Dear Friends at First,

Thank you so much for your cards, and for the lovely rose in celebration of Amy Marie's birth. We look forward to visiting with you again in the near future.

Jane & Joe Wagoner

GREETINGS CHI RHO YOUTH,

We will be meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Come to this meeting to find out what P-P-P is! I'll give you a hint: Polaroid, Pizza, and Pepsi. It will be quite an adventure!

CYF IS PLANNING

September 28 - One Church/One Offender clean-up - contact Charlie Hatten

September 29 - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. - lunch plus bring $1.00 - don't forget committee assignments.

SERMON PREVIEW

Finding Your Way Home - Genesis 33:1-10

Our story tells of the return of Jacob to his home and the meeting with Esau, his brother, who he had been separated from for over twenty years.

Why did Jacob leave in the first place? Read Genesis 27.

How do you think Jacob felt about seeing his brother after all these years - Read Genesis 32:1-12.

What was Esau's reaction to seeing his brother?

What does it mean when Jacob said "To see you, I have seen the Face of God? Genesis 10.

What would the "Face of God" look like?

Have you ever seen the "Face of God" in another's eyes?

"Finding our way Home" is a theme through this story, and a theme for us and our relationship with God. Do you feel like you're on a journey home? What do you need to do in your spiritual life to find your way home?

God invites us home to be with Him, I hope you'll come home this week to worship and give thanks to the one who has given us life.

"Home is where the Spirit is and where it hopes to be."

Richard J. Henderson

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Greetings! I write to you my brothers and sisters in Christ after a month of packing and moving - we have finally arrived! This will be the place for my weekly article in which I will share some reflections over what has impacted me during the last week that I think might be of interest to you.

I will be in the office in the mornings, 8:30 on with afternoons used for hospital, nursing homes, and other calls. Evenings will be for meetings, evangelism calling, and youth groups. On Mondays, we will have staff meetings from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday I will use for sermon preparation and writing. Wednesday evening we have the Junior High youth that I will give leadership to until January when we will evaluate staff portfolios and see how our stewardship campaign goes. I will try to take Fridays off and use Saturdays for final preparation for Sundays, weddings, and activities at the church. Sunday will be our day as a community when we come together for worship and study. I hope you'll make every effort to be in worship through the month of October since I will be preaching on the three most important characteristics of being a healthy, growing church. Each week in the newsletter I will have a segment called "Sermon Preview" that will be three or four questions for reflection as you read the scripture in preparation for the sermon. I hope you use the scripture and questions for your personal devotions during the week.

People come to me and ask, "Jerry, I'm spiritually dry, where is God?" Part of the answer is in personal time for reflection. We must spend time alone with God if we desire to be in touch with the source that gives us life.

Through the next two months Diane and I want to meet with you in the home meetings, so we can get to know you, hear your hopes and dreams for our church as we begin our ministry together. My style of ministry is not to come in and change everything around to suit me but for us to explore together through dialogue and prayer where God is leading First Christian as we prepare for the coming of the 21st century. We will then develop a "Strategy For Witness" that will empower us to share the Good News of God's love to our community.

My sermon Sunday is "Finding Your Way Home" with the scripture story coming from Genesis 33:1-10 (see Sermon Preview). I hope you read this in preparation for Sunday!

Well "Zehritis" for this week. See you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Knuckles, C. Long, N. Knappenberger, G. Brown

10:45 A.M. L. Bushey, T. Hatten, J. Hatten, D. Kreischer, R. Moll, C. Murray, S. Murray, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, E. Nordblom, H. Nordblom, D.J. Rinker

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Mory - L. Brey
B. Johnson - B. Glasgow
D. Keebortz - B. Hendricks
D. Oden - D. Mey

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S.Brey, L.Brey, E.Yeoman

ACOLYTES

Andy Stow & Katie Moll

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Eunice Conrad & Arline Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Lauren Ewing

10:45 A.M. Larry Brey

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 1991

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 9-22-91

Athena Greininger, 19833 Bryson Lane,

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 A.M. CWF General Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS
9:30 A.M. Bob's Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Welcoming Dinner for Jerry and Diane Zehr
12:30 P.M. CYF
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting at North Christian Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee at Kathy Blocher's, 2521 Clara Ave.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:00 P.M. House Meeting at Gene & Eileen Klepfers, 6921 Blue Mist Rd.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 A.M. Share-the-Care Day

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 8-14

Eileen Klepfer (8)
Bill Johnson (9)
Candace Cole (10)
Mildred Hogg (10)
Kathy Graham (10)
Mike Chapin (10)
Doris Koehlinger (11)
Pheung Phomsoupha (11)
John Truesdell (12)
Lori Bagley (12)
Anne Scott (12)
Charles Wrisk (13)
Tami Davis (13)

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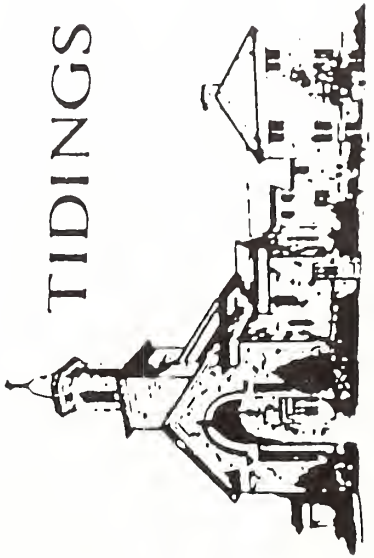

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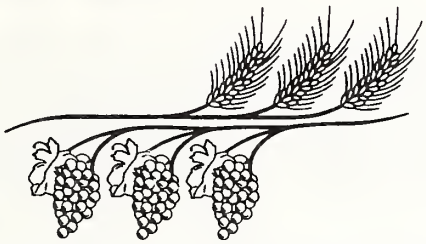

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

There are many Biblical references to fruit, and particularly to the symbolism from drawing its good health from strong stock. "I am the vine, you are the branches. They who abide in me and I in them, they are the ones who bear much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5.) This is one of the most beloved and most poignant, particularly as we celebrate Communion on a Sunday set aside by most Christian churches worldwide. The sacrament is celebrated in many ways, and some of the elements consecrated for the Supper within the hearing or experiencing of members of the Worship Committee include: milk and cookies, coke and pizza, rye bread and apple juice, tortilla chips and re-fried beans. Thinking about some of these different ways of celebrating all over the world, and about how Jesus said that He would not again drink the fruit of the vine until He drank it anew with all of us in the Kingdom, the Worship Committee recognized that clusters of grapes attached to their branch was a beautiful symbol of Christians everywhere rooted in the same strong vine of Jesus Christ. And so the elements will be a little different for the significant Sunday, reminding us of our unity in Christ. You are invited to be present as we meet again around the Table with Christians worldwide.

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CLUSTER MEETING

This Sunday, October 6 from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. there will be a cluster meeting at First Christian Church in Marion for Area 1 and 5. This cluster meeting is designed to help prepare General Assembly representatives, laity, clergy, and the churches for the Tulsa General Assembly in October. There will be a time of worship and prayers, fellowship, and a time of education for the Assembly. There will also be a small group discussion and a video interview with Michael Kinnamon, the nominee for General Minister and President (GMP).

This is an important meeting as the Disciples of Christ church faces some significant issues at the Assembly, including homosexuality, Biblical authority, GMP nominee, and "Embrace the Future" campaign. All people are invited to this meeting, not just those going to the Assembly. If you're interested in going, please contact the church office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Dick Mey has gone home from Parkview Hospital.
Florence Huddleston remains a patient at Parkview Hospital.
Ethel Kinzie has gone home from St. Joseph Hospital.

THANK YOU

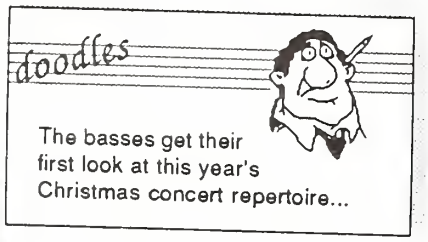
Dear Brothers & Sisters in the Lord,

While we are strong members of Blackhawk Baptist we none-the-less appreciated the loaf of bread and the invite. After thanking the Lord for our salvation we had the bread for breakfast. Warmed, with melted butter, it was delicious. Our prayers will continue for you.

Sincerely,
Bill & Ruby Hill

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the bread distribution on Saturday, September 21. We could not have done it without Claire, Charlotte and Chuck Ewing, Megan and Dustin McEvoy, Paul, Margaret, and James Champion, Mary Novachcoff, Mike Mullen, Sue Oden, Edna Nordblom, Sue Brey, Kathy Blocher, Judy Mey, Sally Rudy, Eunice Conrad, John and Kris Ohneck, Leo Heimann, and Teresa Hatten. A special thanks goes to Jack and Bobbi Lindsay for their generous contribution of their indispensable plastic bags from CUSTOM POLY.

The Evangelism Committee: Judy Church, Lauren Ewing, Betty Grimm, Donna McEvoy, Pat Mullen, and Evelyn Yeoman.



The Chancel Choir and the Carillon will begin work this week on Christmas music. The highlight will be the cantata Emmanuel by Eugene Butler. If you would like to sing for Christmas, please plan to come on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. very soon. We'd love to have you. Anybody wishing to learn to ring, and reads music well, please call Helen in the office or at home (432-0152).

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults will meet THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 at 6:30 p.m. to start making plans for this fall and winter. We'll meet at the Brey's house, 3005 Linden Drive, for pizza. Please bring lots of ideas and a few bucks for the pizza!

See you there!

PECANS FOR SALE

They are $5.25 for a 1 lb. bag. Fresh crop from Wren, Georgia. To order some, call the church office or Rosemary Krull at 432-6181 after 2:30 p.m. They are being sold through the church and profits will go toward the church.

SERMON PREVIEW

Sermon title: The Enterprise of Blessing
Scripture: Genesis 27:1-35

We go back to the beginning of the story of Esau of Jacob and to look at why Jacob left in the first place and was found a separation between him and his brother. As we read the story, we see how Jacob stole the blessing from his older brother Esau. Were there times in your life in which you did not receive a blessing that you needed either from your parents, or from someone close to you. Was there a time in which you received a blessing that was significant to you in your life? How can the church be a part of the blessing of God to the community. What do we need to do to embrace the blessing of God in our church?

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"GETTING ON BOARD RETREAT" FOR EVERYONE OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

WHEN: October 19, Saturday
DEPARTURE: 8:30 a.m. We will leave the church and carpool to Camp Barbee - 45 miles north. Return at 5:00 p.m.
COST: $4.00 for lunch

This will be a very important day for us as a board to come together for spiritual reflection, fellowship, and sharing ideas about the future of our church. We look forward to 100% turn out and that everyone can be there for this important day for everyone on the official board.

Jerry

FOOTPRINTS

Youth News

Check it out. This is the new section for youth news for our young people to inform each other about what's happening in the life of the church for your youth groups here at First Christian Church. Each week we will have an update for the next weeks coming up and so we hope all the young people will make sure they check this section out as well as adults who will be able to see what the youth are planning.

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, Chi Rho will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. for a P-P-P Party! Pepsi, Pizza, Polaroid Scavenger Hunt from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Both youth groups, Chi Rho and CYF, are planning for Youth Sunday during Sunday School hour. Rev. Zehr will be coming into the Sunday School class to talk about the order of worship, and the different meanings, and the meaning of each of the different parts of the service on October 6.

On October 13 is Youth/Parent night at the church from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. and is a potato patch party in which we will have baked potatoes with all your different favorite toppings that you can put on. We also will have a time for the parents and youth to talk and discuss about the possibilities for the youth program for the upcoming year.

October 27 is Youth Sunday and we are looking forward to that event.

Way in the future, mark it down, November 9 & 10, Saturday from 12:00 noon to Sunday, 12:00 noon is the Youth Retreat for Chi Rho and CYF at Camp Barbee. You will hear more about it later. So like it is, we will see you later, alligator!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-29-91

Chris & Glenn Pope; Barbara Bond, 1001 Oakdale Dr.; Jenny Schmidt; Warren Harwood; Melissa, Doug, Pam, Micah, & Matt Barcalow, 4009 Indiana Avenue; Rosanne Mishler, 2429 E. Market, #2, Akron, OH; Jill Downs, 1408 Three Rivers East.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Last Sunday was a great day! The congregation began by singing How Great Thou Art, the Handbells played a beautiful number in which the walls vibrated with the ringing of their bells, the choir sang, the children laughed, and we prayed together and worshipped together to the glory of our God. We began to find our way home and the service was one of coming together as a community of faith. Last Sunday will be a day that I will remember for a long, long time and I felt truly the spirit of God present in our church.

I want to thank the congregation for the gifts of the wreath and the stole that were given to Diane and I as a way of welcoming us and even though all of our boxes are not unpacked yet we feel we are at home.

Konradadenauer once said, "We are all born under the same sky but we don't all have the same horizon." In the next couple of months we will be having a number of Home Meetings in which we will explore our horizon together. I hope you all will make every effort to be at those meetings and have an opportunity to share with me your vision and our vision together of what God has in store for us.

If someone is in the hospital that you know of or if you know of someone who is ill and needs a call, I hope you will call the church office and let us know so that we are able to minister to everyone in our congregation as we strive to be a family together.

I hope to see everyone this coming Sunday as we look at the second most important characteristics of a growing and healthy church.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Diane's goal has been to be here in Fort Wayne every week for worship and at all ten of our scheduled home meetings. She has been able to do that with one exception. This week while our Area Cluster Meeting is held in Marion, Diane will be in Washington, Indiana leading the same meeting for Areas 12 and 13. So though she will not be here this Sunday, she will be back for the rest of October.

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Thurs. Oct. 10 - 7:00-8:30 p.m. - Jim & Karen Bushey, 6711 Blue Mist Rd., 747-3770
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Sun. Oct. 20 - 3:00-4:30 p.m. - Curt & Deb Miller, 4527 Beaver Ave., 456-4028
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DIACONATE & GREETERS

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USHERS

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10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, J. Ohneck, S. Brey, H. Banet

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S.Brey, L.Brey, E.Yeoman

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FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Mildred Hartman & Mildred Hutchinson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Lindsay

10:45 A.M. Charles Murray

FOOD BANK NEEDS

P-Nut Butter, Cereal, Pork n'Beans, Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	9-22-91	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attendance	180	187
Budget Giving	$1,653.57	$3,242.62

Needed Weekly: $4,266.27

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:30 P.M. Young Adults at Larry & Sue Brey's, 3005 Linden Dr.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 A.M. Share-the-Care Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. BOFFOWITS

9:30 A.M. Bob's Class

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

2:30 P.M. Area 1 & 5 Cluster Meeting at Marion

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:00 P.M. House Meeting at Jim & Karen Bushey's, 6711 Blue Mist Road

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 15-21

Dick Ashton (15)
Edna Vaught (15)
Eric Baugher (16)
Herb Banet (17)
Ruth Ogles (17)
Charlie Byrket (18)
Frederick Warner (18)
Tim Knuckles (19)
Leotha Jones (21)
Sarah Patton (21)

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FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Coming home, giving God's Blessing. This has been the theme for the first two Sundays of our time together in worship, and it seems very appropriate as we begin our home meetings and our time of getting to know one another and creating our home together. Following is the list of the home meetings and their times and dates. I hope that you will make every effort to be at one of these meetings so that Diane and I can get a chance to talk to you on a more personal basis and that we can have a time of sharing our hopes and dreams for the congregation. Many people have said that they have received the letter but they were not sure which one they were assigned to, so let me encourage you to find one of the home meetings that is close to you and works with your schedule. The most important thing is that everyone tries to come to one of the home meetings.

Thurs. Oct. 10 - 7:00-8:30 p.m. - Jim & Karen Bushey, 6711 Blue Mist Rd., 747-3770
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TO ALL PARENTS AND YOUTH GRADES 6th-12th

This coming Sunday evening, we want all of our parents to bring their youth to our P.P.P.P.P. Party (that's alot of P's). This will be a great time for your youth to get to know some of the other youth their age and especially if they have not been involved in the youth program. This will be a good place for them to begin. We need your encouragement and participation to make these programs successful! See Page 3 for more information.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. I want to thank all those who helped me move the other Saturday and those who brought in food. I couldn't remember if I had said "thank you" to those people and if not I wanted to again say thank you to everyone who was there and who helped make us at home on that moving day.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jerry and Diane Zehr transferred their membership their first Sunday at First Christian from Augusta Christian Church in Indianapolis. They live at 6703 Quail Ridge Lane 46804. Phone: 436-5354.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Florence Huddleston is at Woodview Health Care Center.

Monica Hatten has gone home from Parkview Hospital.

Congratulations to Megan McEvoy, Claire Ewing, and Noah Duncan for earning their Bibles as second graders in the class on the elements of worship!

THANK YOU'S

Many, many thanks to Laura York for the lovely banners expressing the theme of the Stewardship campaign "The Heart is For Giving."

We appreciate also all those who worked in the yard and building on Share the Care Day sponsored by the Property Committee.

Tiffany Walton, 17 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hinesley, Bloomington, IN (and only grandchild of Don & Valetta Parlette), was dismissed from Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, October 2. She will be recuperating at home and at Bloomington Hospital. She will also have tutoring at home so that she can return to North High School for the second semester of her senior year.

We wish to thank everybody for their prayers and concerns. We are very grateful to all!

Mr. & Mrs. Don Parlette

YOU'RE INVITED

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Netcher and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mory invite the congregation to the marriage of Marilyn Netcher and Kevin Mory on October 12, at 4:00 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, Reading, Michigan.

BOFFOWITS

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SERMON PREVIEW

Wrestling With God - Genesis 32:22-28

This is the final part in our story of Jacob and Esau. We find Jacob all alone at the river Jabbok in which he wrestles with God and is renamed Israel. Have you ever found a time in which you have wrestled with God? In which you have had an experience or an issue that you have struggled with in your relationship with God and others? Jacob was renamed Israel after there was a transformation in his life and in his relationship with God. What type of a transformation do we need to have happen in our lives that God would give us a new name this day?

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When: October 19, Saturday
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Jerry

THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place continues to meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday for songs, fellowship, and announcements. This week, however, we will be meeting in the fellowship hall from 9:30 - 10:00 because it is an intergenerational Sunday in our Sunday School Curriculum. Adults and youth will have a chance to share stories with one another ("How did you used to get in trouble when you were a kid" or "What has the church meant to you over the years"), get to know each other better, and sing some songs.

So, please join us this Sunday in the fellowship hall at 9:30 for the Gathering Place. You won't want to miss it!

CWF will be going to the Emily Flinn Home on Monday, October 21. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. We will also be in charge of a program. Call Sue Brey (447-3540) for more information or to sign up.

PECANS FOR SALE

Those who would like to purchase 1 lb. bags of pecans, please contact Rosemary Krull or the church office. Approximate cost will be $5.00.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 10-6-91

Kathy Waddell, 1234 W. Oakdale Drive; Tami Dailey, 2301 Fairfield Avenue, Apt. 605; John Bohlen, 3109 S. Calhoun St.

FOOTPRINTS

Youth News

YOU'RE INVITED

WHO: All Chi Rho age kids (grades 6-8) and parents

All CYF age kids (grades 9-12) and parents

WHAT: Potato Patch Picnic Planning Party
We will have fun, plan events, discuss ideas and eat baked potatoes stuffed with your favorite toppings.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHEN: October 13 - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

This is an important event to kick off a successful year for both youth groups. Please plan to attend. We need your input.

SERVING OCTOBER 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Hendricks and Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Davis, B. Hendricks, N. Knappenberger, G. Brown

10:45 A.M. B. Kelly, J. Kelly, M. Orr, D. Rinker, J. Smith, M. Smith, R. Stover, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, C. Falbe, E. Nordblom, W. Bowen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Ludwig - S. Brey
C. Miller - R. Hutchinson
T. Walsh - S. Kerley
K. Graham - T. Knuckles

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D.Harter, B.Hendricks, K.Taylor

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 A.M. Board Retreat at Camp Barbee - Meet at the church
9:00 A.M. Sherwood to Pettit Association

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 22-28

Bill Love (22)
Ted Pfenning (22)
David Walker (22)
Don Pomeroy (23)
Tom Mathis (25)
Steven Mullen (25)
J. Fred Smell (26)
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120 YEARS OF MINISTRY
1871 - 1991
WEEK OF MINISTRY

This week we are celebrating the rich history of our church and its ministry to the community. Ministry comes in many ways through many people. This week we celebrate the numerous types of ministry in our congregation and those ministers who have given their leadership through the years. November 19, 1871, our church began it's ministry in the bringing of God's Kingdom into our midst.

In the Fellowship Hall there is a display of the past ministers and different activities. There are letters written to each of these ministers and we would like everyone to come downstairs Sunday and sign them. Come Sunday and celebrate our rich history together.

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Jerry

POTATO PATCH PICNIC - BIG SUCCESS

Baked Potatoes swelled in size and almost ate the crowd! See story page 4 under Footprints.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mike & Jane Vorndran transferred their membership to First Christian last Sunday from the Hoagland United Methodist Church. Their address is P.O. Box 44, Hoagland, IN 46745 - Phone - 639-3728. Welcome Mike & Jane and their little daughter Bailey.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, October 22, 1991. Committee chairs at 7:00 p.m. and Committees at 7:15 p.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Our hearts are with Judy and Ralph Church, and Mark and Pauline Snyder because of the death of their son and grandson, Nick Keinn, in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon.

Our sympathy is extended to Donna Drudge and her family in the recent death of her mother.

Jo Weyer is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Wanda & Greg Hamm of Oakland, California are happy to announce that Christopher James, born June 15, 1990, joined their family October 16. Genevieve & Rolland Ripple are the proud grandparents!

THANK YOU

What is it like to walk in an office full of balloons? Wonderful! We will not remove them even if they are still alive at Christmas! Thank you Chi Rho and CYF! And thank you, Jim Bushey, for the presentation of the birthday cake, also with balloons on top, and the dinner gift certificate, and all those who thought of it and were involved. Wayne and I will enjoy them very much. What a surprise! It will take a while to recover from such happy days.

Helen

MEETING WITH REGIONAL MINISTER

Dr. Ed Weisheimer, Regional Minister, met with the Elders, Committee Chairs, Officers of the Board, and Staff on Wednesday evening, September 25. He was invited to speak about the place of Ordained and Licensed ministers, women and seminary students in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. It was felt that this history and information was so interesting and important that it should be shared with the congregation. "Minutes" of the meeting have therefore been written and are in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy sometime.

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SERMON PREVIEW
Call Waiting - Isaiah 6:6-9

Have you ever been on the phone talking to a friend and they say to you, "hold on for a moment, I have somebody on the other line". They punch their call waiting button and they put you on hold. Has there been a time in your life in which you have put God on hold - in which God has been trying to call you and you were too busy or had too many things going on that you put God on call waiting. What was Isaiah's response to God when God called to his people? What is our response to God when God calls to his people?

HERE TO ZEHR

The last three weeks have been exciting for me as I have began meeting with members of our congregation in the Home Meetings, coming together in worship for song and praise of our God. I hope you have felt this presence of the Spirit of God and the excitement of the new possibilities together.

This last week in our board meeting the official board voted to bring Helen Donnell on full time until January 1 to help in this interim period until we can assess better the needs of the congregation and make decisions and of our staff and portfolio. Helen will continue in the Minister of Music but will expand her 2/3 time to full time working with the assimilation of members and pastoral care, Outreach & Service Committee, and the Fellowship Committee. We're excited to have Helen helping us in this transition of time.

I hope everyone will make every effort to be here this Sunday as we celebrate this week of ministry and our ministry together of 120 years for our congregation. It will be an exciting Sunday together.

Peace,

Jerry

PAINT A SHIRT WITH DONI ADAMS

Paint-a-shirt class will be held on Monday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Doni will furnish all supplies except the sweatshirt and paint brushes. Colors for the sweatshirt includes: peach, pink, baby blue, but best on white. NO HOT COLORS OR DARK COLORS PLEASE! Regarding brushes:

1. Buy at Bellmont
2. Buy 1 - #1 liner brush
   Buy 1 - #3 or #4 round detail brush
   Buy 1 - flat brush with chisel edge (#4, #5, or #6)
3. Brushes are about $3.50 each
4. If you paint ceramics or do tole painting, the white, nylon brushes you use should be O.K.

You may register for this class by calling the church office at 744-3239. First come, first served. The size of the class is limited to just 15 persons.

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults will join in the fun of a Bonfire at Judy & Dick Mey's home on Saturday, November 2 in the evening. More details to come.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30 A.M. CWF to Emily Flinn Home
4:15 P.M. Jim Grimshaw's PRC Committee
6:30 P.M. Paint-a-Shirt Class
7:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:15 P.M. Committees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

OCTOBER 25-30

General Assembly in Tulsa, OK

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 29- NOVEMBER 4

Katie Moll (29); Deborah Rinker (29); Jeffrey Grier (30); Gary Falbe (31); Jim Shirley(31); Helen Foltz (31); Coleen Wilcoxson (1); Violet Wuthrich (1); Sharon Eme (1); Audrey Corkwell (2); Judy Church (2); Jack Brickley (3); Ruth Stone (4); Jane Walsh (4).

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Karen Bushey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Linda & Richard Merrick

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

FOOTPRINTS

Youth News

The evening began with a bunch of mild mannered baked potatoes being put in the oven for the youth/parent dinner, what came out of the oven were HUGE, LARGE, MONSTROUS, (you get the idea, they were BIG potatoes).

Roger Moll got these from some farmer in the area (I'd hate to see the watermelons), and Anne Moll, Curt & Deb Miller went about fixing toppings galore for the potatoes.

We were expecting around 40 parents and youth, hoping for 50 and it turned out we had over 60! It was a great night of laughter, singing, discussing, and even praying together!

It was a good time for all, and we give a big thank you to Curt & Deb Miller, Roger & Anne Moll for helping to prepare all the food!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Youth Sunday - October 27

CYF - November 3 - People Scavenger Hunt!

CYF Overnight Retreat - November 15 & 16 - Camp Barbee

Chi Rho Day Out - Indianapolis - The Twilight Zone - November 16

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-13-91

Jim Platt; George Devenney; Laura & Jay Rasmussen, 2026 Ardmore Avenue; John Carpenter; Tom Schrader.

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PUTTING GOD'S LOVE INTO ACTION
YOUTH SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27

This Sunday our junior and senior high youth will be leading our worship service. Over the past two months they have worked together to share the sermon - "God and the Unemployment Officer," an anthem that was written by our own Curt Miller entitled "Young & Old", a flute duet and a piano solo. They will be leading in all parts of the service. It looks to be an uplifting service, and it is exciting to see our young people eager to share in our worship experience. Your presence is encouraging to our young people and their leaders and families, so we invite you to worship on this special Sunday.

HAUNTED HOUSE AND COSTUME PARTY, OCTOBER 30, GRADES 1-5, 6:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH

The children, grades 1-5, are invited to a Halloween Party at the church during Creative Arts time, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday night, October 30. Chi Rho will be having a haunted house for them, and they can wear their Halloween costumes. Friends of the children are also invited to come.

We deeply appreciate Sue Brey's work with the children on their crafts. Their poster is displayed in Fellowship Hall. In November and December Sue Oden will be helping them with very special projects for Christmas. These are lovely ideas which families can enjoy all during the holidays. The cost for the November one is $2.00 per child.

We have been having a good time on Wednesdays and we hope that if other children would like to be a part of the Christmas celebration at the church, that they will come and enjoy the hour with us, and along the way come to understand and appreciate what many kinds of talents give to the worship experience for everybody through the arts.

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults are getting together for a bonfire at Dick & Judy Mey's place on Saturday, November 2. We'll roast some marshmellows, melt some chocolate, sandwich some crackers, hoot some songs, and tell some stories.

Let's meet at the church at 7:00 and then we'll go out to the Mey's together. Children are welcome. If you need child care, let the church office know.

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Jo Weyer remains a patient at St. Joseph following by-pass surgery.

Valetta Parlette is recovering from cataract surgery.

Congratulations to Julia Cook and Matthew Quirk on their marriage on Friday, October 18 at First Christian Church. Julia is the daughter of Andy & Virginia Cook.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

In I Corinthians Paul, speaking of the body of Christ says, "If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it." We have surely felt you suffering with us since Nick's fatal accident. The calls, the cards, the food, the delicious dinner served by the CWF after the funeral service, the prayers, your presence with us has made all the difference. The evening Nick died Jenny and Diane ministered to our family in a way we could never have imagined possible. In fact the healing process began then. Our appreciation extends to Helen, Jim, and the rest of the staff including the ministry of music experienced through Ginny Johnson and Jenny Zimmerman during the funeral service on Thursday. We will continue to draw comfort and strength from His love made known through you in the weeks and months ahead.

The family of Nick Keirn,
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MEETING WITH REGIONAL MINISTER

Dr. Ed Weisheimer, Regional Minister, met with the Elders, Committee Chairs, Officers of the Board, and Staff on Wednesday evening, September 25. He was invited to speak about the place of Ordained and Licensed ministers, women and seminary students in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. It was felt that this history and information was so interesting and important that it should be shared with the congregation. "Minutes" of the meeting have therefore been written and are in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy sometime.

BOFFOWITS

Boffowits will be meeting in September and October to discuss some of the resolutions that will be presented at General Assembly. This week we will be watching the videotape of Michael Kinnamon's address to the General Board. It is an interesting view of our nominee and will provide us with some first-hand knowledge of his understanding of the Christian Church. All people in the congregation are invited to watch this address. It will be shown in the fellowship hall, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Schedule:

October 27 - Resolution on Embrace the Future (Capital Campaign)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-20-91

Jim Platt, 521 Ridgemoor Drive; John Bohlen.

HERE TO ZEHR

This week concluded our Week of Ministry as we celebrated the ministry of our congregation in the community, the ministers who have given us their leadership in the past and those ministers who are giving their leadership to us in the present. Diane Johnson and John Perry were present in our second service this past Sunday as we wanted to affirm their ministry as well. I hope that you will give a word of appreciation to Diane and John and to all the staff for their work over the past 14 months in this time of transition and as we begin our ministry together. We are very fortunate to have such an excellent staff here at First Christian Church.

Last Saturday our Board had their first Retreat together in which we had a time of reflection and prayer; a time of visioning and seeing the possibilities for our church, and how as a Board they give their leadership, and how they see the future for our congregation. I was very touched by the commitment of these leaders and their desire to serve God and to serve this congregation. I hope you realize the commitment that these people have given to the work and glory of God for this church.

Last Sunday we had our youth/parent dinner in which we had over 60 in attendance. It was a great response from our parents and youth as they expressed their desire and commitment to having a vital, exciting youth program in our church. This Sunday the youth will be leading us in worship and I hope that you will be here to show your support for them and to give them words of encouragement as they strive to find their own ways of serving God. In a time in which young people find so many things pulling them away from God and the church, it is exciting to see young people who have a desire not just be in worship, but to help give leadership as well.

I will be leaving for the General Assembly this Wednesday and hope that you keep Jim Grimshaw, Bill & Jo Franklin, and Diane and me in your prayers. While we are in Tulsa, Oklahoma we will be worshipping and discussing how the larger church can have an impact on the world and how we at First Christian are a part of that larger church.

For those of you who were in worship this last Sunday and heard the Lord's Prayer done in a little different way, I hope that this week as you are in your prayer time and possibly including the Lord's Prayer that it will have a new and different meaning for you.

We'll see you in a week! In the meantime Helen will be available for pastoral needs and concerns. Please call her if she can help you in any way.

Peace,

Jerry

"INSIDE - OUTREACH"

On Wednesday, October 16 there was a celebration marking the 10 year anniversary of the Associated Churches Food Bank system. The mayor was there and gave a proclamation, Mr. Jerry Henry gave the message and there was even a string ensemble from Concordia High School. A Certificate of Recognition was given to over 100 churches, including ours, for contributing to the Food Bank system. Our church has one of the 23 Food Banks located throughout Allen County. During these 10 years the Food Banks have served almost 4 million meals to almost 300 thousand people. The Food Bank we have at First is a ministry that allows us to put the command that Jesus gave to feed the hungry into action. It is hard work, but the feeling you have knowing that you have helped get a family through another week is unbelievable. Most of the people being fed by the Food Banks have jobs. The people we serve are our neighbors and we feed them because we love them.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who has given of their time, food and money because many of our neighbors, mostly children, would have gone to bed hungry without you. You should be very proud of the ministry you have made possible through your love and prayers.

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FOOTPRINTS

Youth News

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BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 5-11
Martha Christy (5)
Alfred Pattengale (5)
John Phillips (5)
Curt Miller (5)
Tony York (5)
Michelle Stam (5)
Cindy Moriarty (7)
James Evans (7)
Garnet Ford (8)
Nick Knappenberger (8)
Marilyn McDougle (11)
Beth Falb (11)

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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, November 5, 1991, 7:00 p.m. at Walter Bowen's home, 1924 Senior Drive.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Jo Weyer is recovering at home after bypass surgery.

Mary Higgins has been dismissed from Lutheran Hospital and is back at the Lutheran Home recovering from hip surgery.

Marge Thomas is recovering from surgery at Parkview Hospital.

Congratulations to Donald & Connie Kampenga, proud grandparents of Hannah born last week! Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kampenga are the parents!

Congratulations to Diane Mory for receiving the Teacher of the Year Award. Diane teaches English and Drama at Carroll Junior High and has taught there for seven years.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of First Christian Church,

John & Jo Weyer would like to thank Jerry, Helen, and Linn and also members of the congregation, and those I may forget to thank, for their kindness, thoughtfulness, food, and prayers.

John & Jo Weyer

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind letter signed by so many of you for the Week of the Ministry.

My new position with One Church/One Offender continues to be a challenge as I train church committees to work with offenders during their probationary period. We have placed seven clients with churches and continue to spread the word about the program among the churches.

Again, thank you for your kind wishes.

Love,
Linn

Thank you, Lord, for these wonderful kids! Bless their hands that reach out, not in clenched fists to strike and defy, but open to help and to share. I was overwhelmed by our Youth Sunday worship service. Our young people were outstanding. We are very lucky to have kids like these in our congregation. Their dedication over the several months that it took to prepare this service is to be commended. The kids really earned the praise that they received at the end of each service. I am truly honored to be able to work with these young people. Their enthusiasm and sense of humor is a delight. Thanks to all of the people that helped with Youth Sunday and to those of you who shared your wonderful comments with both the kids and the adults. They were much appreciated!

Love,
Deb Miller

MID-EAST/WEST FEST

Rinat, The National Choir of Israel, will be in concert on November 6 at 8:00 p.m. at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church as a part of its tour of six communities in the Midwestern United States. Directed by international known conductor, Stanley Sperber, the choir has been heard in many parts of the world and has performed with a number of orchestras. It is an honor to have them in Fort Wayne as guests of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation. Donations of $5.00 are invited and tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance at the church.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-27-91

Chris Cogswell, 5326 Old Mill; Diana Scott, 4018 S. Calhoun St.

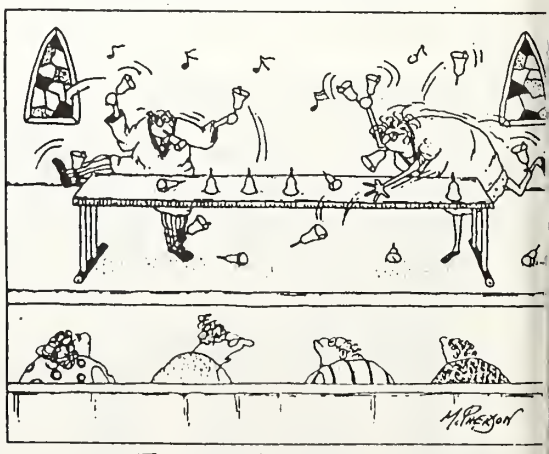
SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION

	10-20-91	AVER. Y-T-D
Worship Attendance	224	192
Budget Giving	$4,234.79	$3,382.52

Needed Weekly: $4,266.27

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 12-18

Diana Lesueur(12); Linda Pressley(13); Linda Breeden (13); Jewel Byrket(14); James Hudlow(14); John Proegler(14); Melissa Orr(14); Bernie Norman(16); Tom Meadows(16); Deb Miller(18)



"The rest of the bell choir is out with the Flu"

SCENE FROM FIRST

Sermon Text: Joel 2:15,16, 28,29
Sermon: Anticipate the Future

By the time you receive this issue of the Tidings, our representatives, Jerry and Diane Zehr, Jim Grimshaw, and Joan and Bill Franklin, will be trickling back from Tulsa and the General Assembly. We will all be eager to hear the news of plans made for the wider church, and how the Assembly anticipates the future. Obviously I have no idea whether or not some of that activity and thinking will be included in Jerry's sermon Sunday, but I do know that this is a critical meeting for the Christian Church with a part of the agenda being the possible election of a President and General Minister. We are praying for them.

In the meantime, "back at the ranch," the committees and choirs are anticipating the future for First Christian. The Stewardship Committee is planning the Time and Talent Fair, where in Fellowship Hall one can get a glimmer of all the labor and gifts our people bring to the ongoing of the Kingdom on this corner of Ft. Wayne with its reaching out far beyond. Just as parents love to hear their children laugh, so the Fellowship Committee believes that God must be pleased when our faith and fellowship becomes fun, and so they have planned the reception honoring the occasion of the Installation of our new senior pastor on November 17 as well as the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24. The Worship Committee is inundated with ideas for Hanging of the Greens in the service on December 1, and for Advent with very special visitors from several countries. Outreach and Service is inviting gifts of food to keep the Food Bank well stocked for winter. The Home Meetings are full of rewards in new friendships and dreams and visions for the future. And the choirs and soloists are already well into exciting music for the Installation and for Christmas! If the energy, activity, and idealism of our youth did not speak yesterday of a lively future for First Christian, nothing will!

The Joel scripture is one of my favorites. "Blow the trumpet in Zion! Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children. Be glad and rejoice, for the day of the Lord is nigh at hand. And afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall see dream dreams, and your young shall see visions." (excerpted). And so is the anthem. "This is my Father's world. O let me never forget that tho' the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done. Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and heaven be one." We are planning, playing, promising in anticipation of that kind of future. See you in church Sunday.

Alleluia!
Helen

Youth Sunday Was Great!

Eighteen young people worked hard for several months to learn about the parts of a worship service and to prepare a service of their own. Sixth grader, Megan Geroff, summed up Youth Sunday perfectly when she said "Our church teaches that every believer is a minister and Youth Sunday gives us a chance to try out being ministers."

Many adults facilitated the youth's success in this worship service. They are Helen Donnell, Diane Johnson, Jerry Zehr, Jerry Zimmerman, John Perry, Sue Oden, John Ohneck, Marlo Quick, Curt and Deb Miller, Jim Bushey, Ginny Brown, Anne and Roger Moll, Sam Hayes, and Charles McGrew. Thanks!!

Worship is important to all people, "young and old, old and young and people in between" to quote the Youth Sunday anthem composed by Curt Miller. This worship service was a valuable experience for our youth. One they will remember for a long time. They did a great job and they deserve our congratulations!

The Next Youth Sunday is April 26, 1992

SERVING NOVEMBER 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Hendricks and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Curt Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. G. Brown, K. Blocher, N. Knappenberger, B. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley, S. Kerley, J. Hatten, R. Hutchinson, M. Mullen, C. Murray, S. Murray, M. Quick

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, H. Nordblom, D.J. Rinker, J. Ohneck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

C.Long, T.Hatten, C.Hatten, J.Hatten

ACOLYTES

Katie Moll & Kaylie Duncan

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Don & Valetta Parlette

EXTENDED SESSION II

Sam Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Stewardship Committee

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Kelly Walsh

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7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

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12:30 P.M. CYF

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6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee at Walter Bowen's, 1924 Senior Dr.

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"To declare or set apart as sacred"
"To dedicate to a given goal or service"

CONSECRATION SUNDAY.....NOVEMBER 24, 1991
Join your Church Family in Worship and for the Harvest Dinner

This year our Stewardship Campaign will be different. In the past we have encouraged people to give to support a budget that had been prepared for the upcoming year. This year we are encouraging people to give out of their commitment and response to God rather than to a budget. On November 24, Consecration Sunday, we will ask members of the congregation to come forward and dedicate their financial commitment for the upcoming year. We will then put together our budget in response to the congregations commitments of giving. In this way, the focus is on each individual's responsibility to give from the blessings that God has given to them. Also by approaching our commitment of givings this way we are saying that we will put together our budget in response to the congregations commitments. Our hope is that over the next couple of weeks you will examine your resources and that portion that you feel is important for God's work and ministry. Please come on Sunday, November 24 for the worship service in which we will dedicate our commitments of giving. And come together for our Harvest Dinner in which we will celebrate the total that has been offered for God's ministry this next year at First Christian Church. Then we will meet with the chair people of our committees and put together a budget that is balanced to the commitments of giving that were offered that Sunday.

Please mark your calendar and plan on being in church the 24th. This is one of the most important times in the life of our church as we prepare the vision for 1992.

THE VISION 1992 BOOKLET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE F.C.C. FAIR AT THE STEWARDSHIP DISPLAY ON NOVEMBER 3 and 10. THIS DISTRIBUTION WILL HELP DECREASE POSTAGE COSTS. PLEASE PLAN TO STOP BY AND SIGN FOR YOUR COPY.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, November 12, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Marge Thomas is recuperating at home after surgery at Lutheran Hospital.

Congratulations to Jim Davis who placed first in his division at the Indiana Music Teachers State Voice Auditions held at Butler University. Sara was his teacher!

Congratulations First Christian!!

Our congregation was recognized at the General Assembly this year for being engaged in Shalom ministries, those ministries that work for peace and justice in the world.

The ministries in which First Christian is involved that qualified us for the recognition are: the Food Bank, involvement in One Church/One Offender program, the Festival Choir and its activity with the Festival for Peace and Understanding and other Shalom work, and the Summer Enrichment Program (a program for special care children).

The congregations receiving this award were recognized on the Assembly floor and were presented with a certificate.

THANK YOU

The kids in Creative Arts had a great time at the Halloween party last week, and thank the kids in Chi Rho and their sponsors for the Haunted House, and Karen Bushey and other mothers for the cookies and punch!

Many thanks to the following ladies who volunteered their time to collate the new membership directory: Grace Truby, Genevieve Ripple, Gini Brown, Bev Hendricks, Betty Grimm, and Evelyn Yeoman who also organized the group!

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank all who has sent me cards and also for their prayers.

Arabella Kreischer

The Harvest Banner and new stoles were made by Sue Oden, an expression of love by the Worship Committee. We thank her and them very much.

YOU'RE INVITED

You are cordially invited to attend an organ recital by French organist, Maurice Clerc, on Tuesday evening, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna Street. This free-will concert includes works of Bach, Franck, Vierne, Messiaen as well as an improvisation. You will listen to this organ music played on a 64-stop, Barckhoff/Casavant/D&D Pipe Organ in a historic, 100-year-old sanctuary. Please come.

TREE DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

In keeping with our Advent theme of Christmas Around the World, the Worship Committee felt it might be a good idea if members of the congregation had some input as well. We would like to decorate the tree with items from other countries (made in Taiwan doesn't count). For instance, we have a small basket from Sierra Leone and a puppet from Mexico. Please mark each thing carefully as to the country and who the donor is. Of course you will get everything back at the end of the season. There will be a table in the Narthex on which you may place your items. Thank you for your participation.

SERMON PREVIEW

Sermon Title: Creating the Future
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

This is the parable of the talents in which one is given five talents of money, another is given two talents, and another was given one talent.

What did the one with the five talents do? What was the master's response? What did the man with the one talent do and what was the master's response?

A talent was worth more than $1,000.00 in those days which would probably mean about $10,000.00 today. What are we to do with the blessings and the resources that God gives to us? How can we help create the future with the talents that God has given to each of us? If you were the master and you gave talents to three different people to do something with, what would be your response to the one who hid his talent and did nothing with it? If you were given five talents of money, how would you use it to better the Kingdom of God?

General Assembly News

FOOTPRINTS

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YOUTH SUNDAY - BIG HIT!!

We had a great response from our youth and participation for Youth Sunday on October 27. The congregations response was overwhelmingly positive. It was good to see so many of the young people participating and giving leadership in our church.

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CYF - Retreat - November 15 & 16 - We will leave the church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and go to Camp Barbee for football, food, fun, fellowship, food, singing, food, discussion, food, planning for the rest of the year and a possible work trip in the summer. Make sure you come to this event - you won't want to miss it!

Hymnal 'on track'

The first "distinctively Disciples hymnal" appears to be on track for publication in late 1994 or early 1995, according to Gale Schoepf, chairperson of the Hymnal Development Committee.

Schoepf told the General Assembly that it is the committee's intention to include a wide variety of hymns, including old favorites, in the publication. The committee is now polling congregations to find out what hymns to include. The committee chair emphasized that no hymns have been selected to date.

Youths say church can't avoid issues

by Jennifer Fuqua

In spite of division experienced as controversy arose among Disciples meeting in Tulsa, youth attending the event solidly affirmed the need to discuss all issues within the church community.

"I think that we are immersed in a world struggling to find its way," said 21-year-old Joseph Johnson, a pre-ministerial senior at Bethany College. "The mission of the church should be to be at the forefront of this struggle, pointing the way. This course begins and ends with Jesus. As representative of Jesus, as diplomats of our savior, as disciples of our savior, as disciples of Christ, I think we should be aware of ALL the issues in this world, so we are effective in it."

Heather Hayden, 15, from Cortland, Ohio, said she felt the things discussed in society should be discussed in the church.

"That (the church) is where help can come."

"If our faith is as strong as we believe it is and we accept that we are God's family, then there isn't a thing that can't be discussed within our family," stated Chapman University student, Roy Ping, 19.

Erica Briston, 18, from Washington, and from Joseph Everly, 15, from Louisiana agreed.

"I feel that people can discuss anything in the church because the church is a means of forming moral and ethical values. If we don't feel free to discuss real issues then the church has no purpose." Briston said.

"I think everything should be discussed but it should be related to God's word. You need to learn about these issues in a good place—not off the street," said Everly.

Lisa Rodriquez, 19, from Indiana said all Christians believing in the same spirit are bound together as one, making room for conversations about all issues.

Colin Williams, 16, from North Carolina, argued that the church cannot be hypocritical in its discussion of issues.

"I feel that the church cannot discuss racism until Christians realize that it does exist in the church," stated Williams.

REFLECTIONS FROM JOAN AND BILL FRANKLIN AS VOTING DELEGATES TO THE ASSEMBLY

Dear Friends in Christ,

Joan and I would like to give you a brief note to give you just a feel of what it was like to attend the General Assembly.

It begins in uncertainty and confusion as you seek to learn about the town and the Assembly Hall. We must say the local committee did a wonderful job of smoothing the way and making us feel at home. Rather than specific details let us give you the feelings we felt as the days unfolded:

Friday, as we said, began in confusion as we registered, and ended with joy as we celebrated the Lord's Supper with about 5,000 others.

Saturday (as each day) began in prayer and ended in celebration with wonderful music and a special note of praise by a Native American in full regalia.

Sunday we broke apart to attend church at many area churches. We were met with warmth and affection, enjoyed a lovely service, and a great disciple luncheon. Sunday the Assembly re-convened again, proclaiming Christ's presence in song and prayer, with a wonderful healing speaker and sermons.

Monday was chaotic crowds of people filling the auditorium to capacity, many just to vote, and by 3:00 p.m. that day, 2,000 had left. Those of us who remained had heavy hearts. We literally felt the pain of the Kinnamon family. But we stayed, because Michael talked to us of Christ's love and our love for each of us, and he prayed for our continued unity.

Tuesday our theme was "Share my Bread" and somehow, despite the pressure to do the church's business, we did feel Christ's unity. By Tuesday evening we were filled with joy and laughter as Rev. Tony Campalo preached.

Wednesday was the concluding day with a theme "Go Forth and Hope." Again we began the day with prayer and we worked hard to get the church's business done. The day ended with a lovely service in which we once again shared the Lord's Supper.

Joan and I will be eternally grateful to this congregation for sending us to Tulsa in 1991.

In gratitude and love,

Bill & Joan Franklin

P.S. Ask us anything about our experience. Especially ask Joan about the "wonderful" music.

Kinnamon narrowly misses; Nichols named interim GMP

by Patricia Case and Robert Friedly

Just 43 hours after the stunning defeat of general minister and president nominee Michael Kinnamon, Illinois pastor C. William Nichols was named to the top post in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Nichols, 64, will serve two years until a chief executive can be elected regularly at the church's 1993 General Assembly in St. Louis.

But, Nichols, a member of the church's General Board and Administrative Committee, vowed he would not be an "interim" executive but one who would actively lead the church.

A special committee moved quickly to select Nichols to regain momentum for Disciples who were shocked when nominee Kinnamon failed to win two-thirds approval by 1.2 percent out of more than 5,600 votes cast at the church's General Assembly in Tulsa, Okla.

HERE TO ZEHR

This last Sunday my sermon was entitled, "Anticipate the Future" as I spoke about my experience at the General Assembly and anticipating the future for First Christian Church. Enclosed in this news letter there are articles about the General Assembly, and this coming Sunday during Sunday School we will have a special forum for those who would like to know more about the vote for General Minister and President and other issues that came up during the Assembly.

I hope that you will begin to vision for our church the possibilities for ministry with this pouring out of the spirit that Joel tells us in the Old Testament and the dreams and visions that are possible with God's work. I hope that you are excited about the possibilities for ministry together. We know that we can do great things with God's spirit and help.

It was good to hear of the great success that our youth had in doing Youth Sunday last Sunday while I was gone. I want to thank all those adults who helped prepare this and for the response from the congregation and support of our young people. When we have such a large group of young people participating in the service, when we see 15 children coming forward for the children's message last Sunday, we know that our church is alive and well. We see the possibilities for continued ministry with this type of energy and life that is pulsing through our church at this time.

I hope that you will invite someone to come to worship with you this Sunday and plan to be here every Sunday in November. We have something happening each week as we prepare ourselves for this Thanksgiving season.

Peace,

Jerry

INSIDE - OUTREACH

What is Outreach and Service? It is more than the name of a committee that meets on Tuesday night. It is an expression of our love for Jesus Christ. The prophet Micah tells us that all God expects of us is to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our Lord. Outreach and Service is our attempt to do what God expects of us. We reach out to every corner of the earth through our Basic Mission Finance giving. We serve our neighborhood through the Food Bank. As a church we have committed 13% of all congregational giving as our minimum gift to outreach. This is our tithe to the rest of the world and our expression of gratitude for the love that God has freely given to us.

P.S. Remember the Food Bank next time you are at the grocery store!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE DURING CHURCH SCHOOL

This Sunday, November 10, during the church school hour, there will be a General Assembly update in the fellowship hall. Jerry Zehr, Bill and Joan Franklin, and Jim Grimshaw will lead a discussion about some of the major events and issues that were held at Tulsa. All those who are interested are invited to attend.

TEACHERS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We will meet together on Monday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the library to focus on evaluating the curriculum we're using. Please bring questions and comments with you. This will help the committee as it continues to look at how best to provide resources for our teachers.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-3-91

Elizabeth Howell Price; Shannon Jones, 1218 W. Washington Blvd.; Jenni Wills, 6916 Wolfsboro Lane; Laura & Jay Rasmussen, 2026 Ardmore, #112.

HOME MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Sat. Nov. 9 -10:00-11:30 a.m.- Ralph & Judy Church, 5126 Werling Dr., 447-5691

Thurs. Nov. 21 - 9:30-11:00 a.m.- Charles & Mary Sue Ludwig, 4512 E. Shenandoah Circle, 486-4519

SERVING NOVEMBER 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Marvin Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Davis, D. Harter, R. Merrick

10:45 A.M. D. Mey, M. Orr, B. Glasgow, B. Kelly, J. Kelly, D. Rinker, E. Yeoman, R. Stover

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, S. Brey, H. Banet, C. Falbe

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Oden - R. Moll

D. Keebortz - D. Rinker

B. Johnson - C. Hatten

Jt. Weicker - M. Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M.Rieke, E.Rieke, R.Hutchinson

ACOLYTES

Jamie Bushey & Holly Falbe

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Judy Church

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Roger & Anne Moll

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Ralph Church & Tim Knuckles

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ewing

10:45 A.M. Melissa Orr

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

10:00 A.M. House Meeting at Ralph & Judy Church's, 5126 Werling Dr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee and Teacher Training

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 A.M. Naomi Circle at Hall's, Bluffton Road

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:00 P.M. CYF Retreat - leave from church to go to Camp Barbee

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Chi Rho Day Out - The Twilight Zone - In Indianapolis

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 19-25

Muriel Baker (19)

Andy Moll (20)

Ressie Ehresman (20)

Laura York (21)

Nellie Buchanan (24)

Charles Green (25)

Marlene Crouse (25)

Joan Ott (25)

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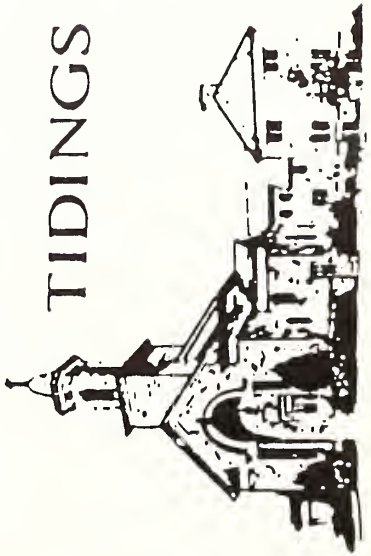

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INSTALLATION SERVICE - THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Installation Service for our new pastor Jenny Zehr will be held this Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Dr. C. Edward Weisheimer, Regional Minister of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, will be preaching and greetings will be brought by the Rev. Vernon Graham, Executive Pastor of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. A reception will be held in honor of the Zehrs in the Parlor immediately following the service.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY AND HARVEST DINNER
NOVEMBER 24

The root for the word generosity is "genere" which means to beget or produce. It is the same root found in "generation" and "genes". Thus when one is generous, one produces, creates. Giving is the act of creating and thus participating in God's creative activity in the world.

Dan P. Moseley, Author

On Sunday, November 24, we will have an opportunity to create our vision for our church for the upcoming year. Please plan to make a special effort to be present for this worship service and for the annual Harvest Dinner following the second service. Mark your calendar now for this service of commitment, time, and fellowship.

OFFICIAL BOARD RECEPTION, NOVEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH

This will be a special meeting for the official board in which Rev. Zehr will prepare us for our Stewardship Sunday and ask the board to help in contacting people who have not made their reservations. We hope that everyone on the board will make a point of being here on this date.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING FOR BASIC MISSION FINANCE

THAT SPECIAL MINISTER

Every member of this congregation can recall at least one very special minister who was there for us at some point in our lives. Maybe it was during a crisis - the death of a loved one, perhaps, or a serious illness. It may have been at a happier time - a marriage ceremony, the birth of a child, a baptism or an anniversary. Whatever the occasion, that person was with us, and it made a difference.

Where are those special persons now? Do you wonder how they are getting along?

Some of them may not be doing so well. Ministers who retired 15 years ago or more may be having difficulty financially. Their pensions and Social Security were based on low salaries, and some of the churches they served failed to participate in the Pension Plan. Many of these ministers struggle to get by on meager pensions.

The Thanksgiving Special Day Offering gives us in the church an opportunity to care for those who have served so faithfully in the past. Our gifts through Basic Mission Finance will help provide supplements to their low pensions.

Who knows? Our gifts may even allow us to give back a measure of the love we received from those very special ministers who were there for us when we needed them most.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Linda Merrick is home from the hospital recovering after surgery.

Florence Huddleston is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Congratulations to Donna Spake and A.J. Pratt who were married on Saturday, November 9 at First Christian Church by Helen Donnell.

The children in Creative Arts thanks Mrs. Sue Brey for helping them with their crafts during October. Helen thanks her, too.....a whole bunch!

TREE DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

In keeping with our Advent theme of Christmas Around the World, the Worship Committee felt it might be a good idea if members of the congregation had some input as well. We would like to decorate the tree with items from other countries (made in Taiwan doesn't count). For instance, we have a small basket from Sierra Leone and a puppet from Mexico. Please mark each thing carefully as to the country and who the donor is. Of course you will get everything back at the end of the season. There will be a table in the Narthex on which you may place your items. Thank you for your participation.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Special Care: Regency Place: Deloris Anspach, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop. Memorial: Pearl Heidecker. Riverview Care Center: Helen Foltz, Fern Kenline. Medco Plaza: Fern Strole. University Park Nursing Home: Connie Wells. Ossian Health Care Center: Edythe Metcalf. Lutheran Home: Mary Higgins.

At Home: Hazel Crouse, Everett & Ressie Ehresman, Cora Ann Harnish, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Bill Lehman, Carl Linn, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Helen Sheerin, Pauline Snyder, Thelma Swift, Coleen Wilcoxson, and Ardith Wrisk.

FOOTPRINTS

Youth News

CYF NEWS.....

This coming Friday and Saturday, we will be going on our Fall Retreat to Camp Barbee leaving from the church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and returning at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. You need to bring your sleeping bag and pillow, warm clothes so we can play football outside, as well as a Bible, flashlight, and a lot of energy and enthusiasm. If you have a friend who would like to come along who is not going to a youth group somewhere else, please invite them.

CHI RHO NEWS.....

This Saturday the Chi Rho is going to Indianapolis for the Chi Rho Day Out. We will be leaving the church at 8:00 a.m. and returning by 6:00 p.m. Cost is $6.00. If you have not made your reservation you can still come but call and let Rev. Zehr, Sue Kerley, or Donna McEvoy know that you are planning on being there.

HERE TO ZEHR

If you were not here this last Sunday you missed a wonderful service with the children singing, the choir giving a beautiful anthem, and a special recognition to our church for our Shalom ministries and our outreach giving over the past year. Our congregation was recognized at the General Assembly for the special efforts and ministry that we have been about in our community and the larger church.

This coming Sunday is my Installation. It's hard to believe that it's only been six weeks and it will be good to be officially installed as your Senior Pastor. Dr. Ed Weisheimer will be giving the sermon entitled "Great Expectations" , scripture - Matthew 13:1-9. I am looking forward to Dr. Weisheimer's words of inspiration for our church. He is a dynamic speaker that will prepare us for our ministry together.

Peace,

Jerry

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will be rehearsing Saturday, November 23 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for the Christmas Choral Service to be held Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE.....

No Extended Session Sunday, November 17 because of the special Installation Service. The nursery will be opened.

Poinsettias

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS are available again this year. The price is $8.00. You can order by calling the church office at 744-3239 by December 6. Please designate if you will pick up your plant after the second service on December 22, or if you would like it taken to a shut-in.

If you want to honor or remember anyone with your purchase, please specify this when you call the office.

NOVEMBER IS FOOD BANK MONTH at First Christian, and we invite members of the congregation to bring canned goods and staple food products every Sunday in November and place them on the Chancel so that our Food Bank is well stocked for Thanksgiving. It's very satisfying to watch the harvest grow in our Sanctuary, a harvest that feeds our hungry neighbors.

Outreach & Service Committee

HOME MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Thurs. Nov. 21 - 9:30-11:00 a.m.- Charles & Mary Sue Ludwig, 4512 E. Shenandoah Circle, 486-4519

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-10-91

Cheryl Pasko, 3023 Parnell Avenue; Michael Kast, 2021 Forest Park Blvd.; Jerry & Cheryl Stutzman, Box 134, Topeka, IN; Wayne Maddox; Linda Koger; Ted Tulmer; Hubert & June Clark, 1622 Italiano Dr., Muncie, IN; Marian Harwood; Joseph Clark.

SERVING NOVEMBER 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh and Eunice Conrad

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, M. Hutchinson, N. Knappenberger, G. Brown

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley, S. Kerley, J. Hatten, C. Murray, S. Murray, L. Bushey, M. Walsh, J. Walsh

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D. McEvoy, W. Bowen, B. Glasgow

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M.Rieke, E.Rieke, R.Hutchinson

ACOLYTES

Kristen Geroff & Brian Rinker

NO EXTENDED SESSION

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Judy Church & Pat Mullen

RECEPTION IN PARLOR FOR ZEHRS FOLLOWING 10:45 SERVICE

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Mike Walsh

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9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON Reception for Zehrs in Parlor

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00 P.M. Board Reception

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30 A.M. House Meeting at Ludwig's, 4512 E. Shenandoah Circle

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Practice

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 2

Mary Sue Ludwig (28)
Ken Perkins (28)
Mary Piatt (29)
James Clausen (29)
Lauren Ewing (30)
Bethel Breeden (1)
Beth Walker (2)

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
CONSECRATION DAY AND HARVEST DINNER - NOVEMBER 24

This Sunday is an important and meaningful time for all of us as we come into a time of Thanksgiving of remembering the blessings that God gives us. We also have an opportunity for dedicating our gifts for the upcoming year to create the future for First Christian Church.

After our worship service we will have our annual Harvest Dinner which will be a provided meal this year. We hope that everyone will stay for the meal. If you have not made reservations, please call the church office and let us know how many will be there.

With the choir singing, Rev. Zehr giving a message entitled First Things First, the Thanksgiving meal of turkey and pies, we look forward to an extraordinary day of celebration.

HANGING OF THE GREENS - DECEMBER 1

December 1 is the first Sunday in Advent and this year we will have a Hanging of the Greens Service in which we will decorate the sanctuary as part of our worship service. There will be special songs, liturgies, a visitor from the Soviet Union, and a special message by Rev. Zehr. If you have never participated in a Hanging of the Greens service you won't want to miss this Sunday which completes the ordinary time of the church year and begins Advent. We will see the church sanctuary transformed with greenery and lights into a preparation for Christmas. Come and be a part of bringing Advent into our church!

PECANS

The pecans are in! They may be picked up at the church on Sunday from Rosie Krull.

BOFFOWITS

The Boffowits will begin a study on "The nature of the Church and its Authority." By what authority do we, as Disciples of Christ members, speak? How do we make decisions? What role does Scripture play? Tradition? Our contemporary experience? Reason? The study will run until Christmas. Please come join us.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS will meet on Tuesday, November 26, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet at 7:15 p.m. Christian Education will meet on Monday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. Stewardship will not meet.

HERE TO ZEHR

Wow! What a Sunday! Do I feel installed! After a great service, the choir singing and trumpets playing, the congregation proclaiming our witness of God's grace and our commitment to work with one another, with 310 people in worship, coming together from churches in Indiana and our Regional Office to be a part of my Installation, I felt like I was really Installed last Sunday.

It was good to have a formal way of proclaiming what is already happened and that the church has accepted Diane and I into your family and we are ready to begin our ministry together. I want to thank all those who made last Sunday such a great day, for there were many people who gave much of their time to make this happen.

Now that we can officially begin our ministry together this coming Sunday is a very important time in the life of our church for it is our Consecration Day in which we will be giving our gifts, helping to create the future for First Christian Church. I always hear people say if I win the lottery I'd give lots of money to church." I hope when you win the lottery you will give lots of money to the church. But stewardship is not a matter of how we would be faithful with millions. Stewardship is a matter of faithfully managing what we have. I hope you will examine your resources and look at the blessings that God has given to you and come this Sunday to dedicate that portion which you are committing to do God's work.

Peace,
Jerry

CONCERNS & JOYS

Congratulations to Kris an John Ohneck, new grandparents o Brandon Michael born November 12.

Donna Drudge is a patient a Lutheran Hospital.

D.J. Rinker is home with broken leg and ankle.

Kris Ohneck's stepfather is patient at Parkview Hospital.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to John Bohle for his lovely trumpet prelud Sunday; to Ellen Duncan for he "Simple Song" which wasn't s simple and very beautiful; to Mik Walsh and John for their excitin trumpet duos with choir an congregation; to the Carillon an the Chancel Choir for thei enthusiasm and energy which lifte us all in our joy of the day.

Josephine Weyer has expresse her appreciation again for the cards and calls and visits from members of the congregation. She's making good progress in her recovery from by-pass surgery.

What a happy, delicious reception with Elinor Place's cakes, the cheeseballs, punch and coffee! We are very grateful to Jean and Chuck McGrew, Karen Bushey, Teresa Hatten, the whole Fellowship Committee, and others who helped with the celebration party. Thank you all!

MUSIC NOTES

The Chancel Choir will practice Saturday afternoon from 1-4 in preparation for Christmas.

Creative Arts will not meet Wednesday night November 27 but will resume Wednesday, December 4.

FOOTPRINTS

Youth News

CHI RHO NEWS.....

CHI RHO DAY OUT - GREAT SUCCESS

We had 9 Chi Rho youth who went to Indianapolis for the Twilight Zone in which they examined the ways that God is present in the Twilight Zones of our lives. This coming Wednesday we will have our regular meeting and prepare favors for our shut-ins and homebounds. We also will look forward to Christmas time activities.

CYF NEWS.....

Last Friday 9 teens banded together to attend an overnight retreat at Camp Barbee.

Their missions were to come up with a theme for the year, to further plan for continued success in '92 and to have lots of fun.

Somehow between the pizza making, Jerry Zehr's silly games, the tie football game, and Curt Miller accompanying their singing a lot of important work got done.

The theme they have chosen for this year is "To become wholly spiritual and spiritually holy." They are planning service projects, social activities, and study to accomplish this goal.

As a congregation lets do all we can to nurture our youth and encourage them in this endeavor.

This coming Sunday the CYF will take Thanksgiving dinners to our homebound right after church. We hope everyone will be there for our worship service and for this time of helping others.

We want to thank all of the adults who helped make this weekend in which we had 18 of our youth involved in a church activity possible. Deb Rinker, Sue Kerley, Donna McEvoy, with the Chi Rho. Deb & Curt Miller, and Roger & Anne Moll with the CYF. Thanks to all who gave up their time.

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SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: FIRST THINGS FIRST

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 14:16-23

This is the parable of a banquet in which many are invited, some find reasons for not coming and the master tells the servant to go out and to compel people to coming in, that his House would be filled.

As you read this story look at the reasons that are given for those who choose not to come to the banquet. Look at those who are invited and who come to the banquet. What do we need to do to make sure that God's house is filled this coming Sunday? Is there someone that you could invite to come to worship with us? Is there someone that you know that is hungry for spiritual food and that needs to be in worship? Let us all come to worship this Sunday so that God's House may be filled.

TREE DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

In keeping with our Advent theme of Christmas Around the World, the Worship Committee felt it might be a good idea if members of the congregation had some input as well. We would like to decorate the tree with items from other countries (made in Taiwan doesn't count). For instance, we have a small basket from Sierra Leone and a puppet from Mexico. Please mark each thing carefully as to the country and who the donor is. Of course you will get everything back at the end of the season. There will be a table in the Narthex on which you may place your items. Thank you for your participation.

THANK YOU

The CYF group would like to thank the congregation for its financial support. Our recent retreat brought us closer together both spiritually and socially. Thank you for making this trip possible.

Love,

Dan Moll, Kelly Walsh, Lindsay Miller, Sara Glasgow, Mike Walsh, Maggie Smith, Matt Barcalow, Jessica Hatten

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING FOR BASIC MISSION FINANCE

HOW COULD WE FORGET?

In the early days of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), ministers who retired or became disabled were often unable to support themselves. And when a minister died in active service, there was virtually no financial help for the surviving spouse.

Things began to change in 1895 with the creation of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Assistance. Its initial ministry was to receive gift funds from churches and individuals and to distribute those funds to ministers and their families who were in need. That ministry continues today through the work of the Pension Fund.

One of the earliest themes of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Assistance was, "We Will Not Forget." It was an appropriate theme, because without the Board's help, many of those ministers and their spouses would have had no place to turn.

Today, things are better because of benefits accrued through the participation of congregations in the Pension Fund. There are still, however, a number of our ministers or their surviving spouses who need some additional support from the church. Ministerial Relief and Assistance provides that help.

We hope our church will never forget those faithful servants who labored for many years on low salaries and little or no Pension Plan participation. Our support of the Thanksgiving Special Day Offering to Basic Mission Finance helps those needy servants and says to them, "We Will Not Forget."

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NOVEMBER IS FOOD BANK MONTH at First Christian, and we invite members of the congregation to bring canned goods and staple food products every Sunday in November and place them on the Chancel so that our Food Bank is well stocked for Thanksgiving. It's very satisfying to watch the harvest grow in our Sanctuary, a harvest that feeds our hungry neighbors.

Outreach & Service Committee

SERVING NOVEMBER 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson, B. Hendricks, R. Merrick

10:45 A.M. L. Brey, S. Brey, D. Kreischer, M. Mullen, M. Quick, Jt. Myers, J. Myers, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Ewing, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D.J. Rinker, E. Nordblom, H. Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

K. Graham - T. Hatten
M. Crouse - C. Murray
D. Mory - S. Oden
S. Hayes - M. Quick

COMMUNION PREPARATION

K.Blocher,B.Kelly,J.Kelly,R.Moll

ACOLYTES

Andy Stow & Katie Moll

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Laura McFarland

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Karen Bushey & Evelyn Yeoman

NO COFFEE HOUR - HARVEST DINNER

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Harvest Dinner
6:15 A.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:30 P.M. Christian Ed Comm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:15 P.M. Committees (Stewardship & CE will not meet)

THURS., NOV.28 & FRI. NOV. 29

Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 3-9

Donna Winingen (4)
Neva Mennewisch (5)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Mildred Arruza (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)
Mary Fangen (6)
Sue Kenley (7)
Brenda Proegler (7)
Shelley Sendelbach (8)
Wayne Johnson (9)
Clifton Bowman (9)

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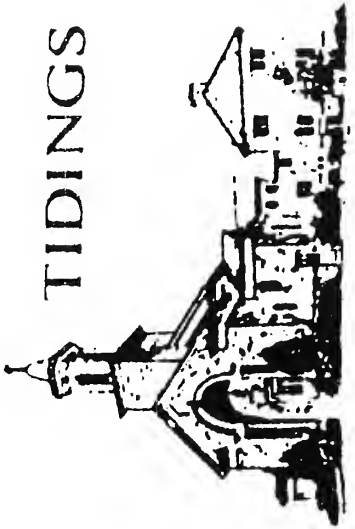

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

This year our theme for Advent will be, "The Celebration of Christmas", the different ways Christmas is celebrated in different countries around our world. Each week we will have a special visitor from a different country who will light our Advent Candle and tell our young people about the traditions in their country and how they celebrate Christmas. Our choir will be singing an anthem from each of these countries and our message each week will have some reflection from what is happening in those countries in this time of Christmas. Each week we'll have a different theme for the candle that is being lit in a way of preparing ourselves for Christmas Sunday. In the newsletter their is a calendar page with all the different activities happening through this Advent time. We hope you will make a point of trying to be at the worship services during this Christmas year.

HANGING OF THE GREENS - DECEMBER 1 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT THE CANDLE OF EXPECTATION

This coming Sunday is our first Sunday in Advent in which we will have a different service in preparation as we move into Advent this year. If you have never been a part of the Hanging of the Greens service, you will not want to miss this worship service! Included in the service will be: some of our favorite carols sung, the word of God proclaimed, and our visitor this week will be from the Soviet Union who will light the candle of expectation. By the end of the service there will be a transformation in our sanctuary moving us from the ordinary time of the church year and the beginning of Advent, in which we will see the sanctuary transform with greenery and lights, for our preparation for Christmas. Come and be a part of bringing Advent into our church.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY - GREAT SUCCESS

This last Sunday we consecrated our gifts for 1992. With 309 people present and 285 people staying for the dinner it was a great turn out and a time of celebration. We want to thank all those who helped make this possible. Those who brought pies, helped cut the turkey, made the other food, set up the tables, there was alot of people who helped to make this such a great day. Especially we want to thank the Fellowship Committee, chaired by Jean McGrew, and the Stewardship Committee, chaired by Kathy Blocher for their hard work and effort as we had a day of celebrating the gifts that God has given to us.

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HERE TO ZEHR

Wow! What a Sunday! I didn't think we could top November 17 and the Installation Service but we certainly did with a great crowd being here this last week and the congregation really being alive with the spirit. If you were not here, you missed a great day as a congregation awoke and came alive through the sermon time, through the songs, the response, the interaction that happened during the sermon, and the final consecrating of our gifts. It was good to see some people that I have not had a chance to meet and hope that everyone will really make an effort to be here during the Christmas season. By your presence, you show a sense of your commitment to this church and your commitment to God in your own spiritual growth.

I think you will find that during the Christmas season there is something different happening every week for the worship service that should be inspiring and exciting.

With over 300 people being in worship service the last two Sundays, how many will be there this coming Sunday? Will you be there? I hope so!

Peace,

Jerry

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed for Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the chart that is in Fellowship Hall.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Donna Drudge is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Kris Ohneck's stepfather is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Our prayers are with Roger Moll and his family in the illness of his father.

Our sympathy is extended to Margaret Leversee and family in the recent death of Bert.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank those who were responsible for preparing the Thanksgiving Dinners that were brought to us last Sunday.

Also, many thanks to Curt and Deb Miller and the CYF group for delivering them. It was wonderful!

Onda Glentzer and
Coleen Wilcoxson

ADVENT ADVENTURES

We are once again planning for Advent Adventures for children on Sunday, December 8 from 9:45 - 10:30 and again during Extended Session. This is an opportunity for children to learn more about "Christmas Around the World" and make gifts and decorations.

EXTENDED SESSION

There will not no Extended Session this Sunday, December 1 due to the Hanging of the Greens so the children can participate in the Hanging of the Greens service. The nursery will be open.

Extended Session next Sunday, December 8, will be a part of the Advent Adventures. Both Extended Sessions, K-1 and 2nd-5th grades, will meet for Advent Adventures.

ADVENT CALENDAR

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THE HANGING OF THE GREENS
8:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Isaiah 2:1-5; Visitor from the Soviet Union
The Chancel Choir; A Ukrainian Carol

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Advent Adventures in Fellowship Hall for the children
grades 1-5, 9:45 a.m.
Mark 1:1-8; What Shall I Cry?
Visitor from Africa
The Chancel Choir: an African Anthem

Caroling for our Special Care People at 5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 14 SATURDAY
Christmas Extravaganza at Beef and Board in Indianapolis
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Luke 1:39-55; Ambulances, Labor Pains, and Hospitals
Visitor from Germany
Creative Arts in Worship: a German Carol
The Chancel Choir: a German Carol

CHRISTMAS CHORAL SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M.
The Cantata EMMANUEL by Eugene Butler
Soloists: Kirk Spencer, Ellen Duncan, Shelley Sendelbach,
Davis Orr, and Mike Vorndran
The Chancel Choir, and the Carillon

Christmas Reception Following

DECEMBER 22 THE CANDLE OF REVELATION
Luke 2:8-14; Godburst
Visitor from England
The Carillon and the Chancel Choir; anthems from England

Christmas Open House at the Zehrs, 2:00-5:00 P.M.
6703 Quail Ridge Lane

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Family Service at 7:00 p.m.; Candlelight Communion at 11:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Members of the congregation are encouraged to join the groups going caroling for our Special Care people on Sunday afternoon, December 8, at 5:00 p.m. There will be two routes, one south and one north, and we will go in cars and vans. If you would like to help with the driving, will you please tell Helen or Sue Oden so that we can plan for a number of people. This effort does not require operatically trained voices. All you need is a love of singing carols, and a desire to visit our loved ones who are often alone and lonely during the holidays. Please join friends from the church who will be reaching out in love to our special people. Youth and children are welcome. This is a family time. Afterward, sometime around 7:00, we will meet back at the church for hot chocolate and do-nuts.

DINNER THEATER PARTY

A 41 passenger bus has been chartered to take members of the congregation and friends to Indianapolis to enjoy lunch and a show at Beef and Boards, on Saturday, December 14. Departure time from the church parking lot is 9:30 a.m. and arrival time back at the church is 6:00 p.m. The cost is $25.00 per person. If you would like to go, please notify the office and turn in your money by December 9 to secure your ticket. Reservations are limited to 41. There will be an hour for shopping at the Castleton Mall on the way home. The show is Christmas Extravaganza, a delightful presentation of Christmas music and dancing for all ages. Come join the fun!

CHRISTMAS CHORAL SERVICE

On Sunday afternoon, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. the Chancel Choir and the Carillon will be singing and ringing the Christmas story in the beautiful cantata EMMANUEL by Eugene Butler. Soloists are Ellen Duncan, Shelley Sendelbach, David Orr, Kirk Spencer, and Mike Vorndran. Child care for little ones will be from 4:30. There will be a Christmas reception in Fellowship Hall following the service. Please plan to join us bringing friends and family for the annual, very special celebration of Advent and Christmas.

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As we come into a season of cheer and celebration, it is also a difficult time for some families. Especially for bereaved parents, and particularly for the newly bereaved. The holidays which have been our happiest time with our children, are a time when the changes that tragedy has made in our lives are most evident. As we gather our emotional forces to make a happy day for surviving children, grandparents, and other family members, it can be a very difficult time. For those of us who have not experienced a loss of a child or a loved one, it is easy for us to prepare for this Christmas time and not think about those within our extended family who are experiencing a sense of grief in these holidays. May you remember those in your family and friends who have experienced a loss over the years knowing that the holidays are especially a difficult time for families as they remember, and as that wound becomes opened again. Sometimes the holidays are called the holiday blues because for those who are alone, it is a difficult time. Let us be conscientious of those who are alone, or who has lost someone close to them that we might reach out to them and be there with them in their grief. One of the best things we can do is not to ignore, not to pretend, like the loss did not happen, but to help them remember the memories of that one who was close to them. Just be aware that this is a difficult time for them and that we might reach out and let them know that we are with them in this time. With everyone coming together we can help each other be able to celebrate the birth of new things happening in our lives, even as we remember loved ones of our past.

Peace,

Jerry

December 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HANGING OF THE GREENS 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship Serv. 9:30 a Church School 6:15 p Prayer Service	2 4:15 p Jim Grimshaw's PRC	3 7:00 p ALL Committee Chairs & Finance	4 6:30 p Creative Arts 6:30 p Chi Rho	5 9:30 a Naomi Circle 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Choir	6	7 8:00 a Men's Breakfast
8 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship Serv 9:30 a Church School 9:45 a Advent Adventures 12:00 NOON Light lunch and information regarding FCC for perspective members ~~5:00 p Congregational Caroling~~	9 7:30 p Elder's Meeting	10 11:30 a Rebecca Circle 7:30 p Board/ Trustees	11 6:30 p Creative Arts 6:30 p Chi Rho	12 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Choir	13 10:00 a Rachel Circle	14 10:00 a Beef and Board
15 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship Serv 9:30 a Church School 9:30 a Congregational Meeting 5:00 p Choral Service and Reception	16	17 7:00 p Sarah Circle	18 6:30 p Creative Arts 6:30 p Chi Rho	19 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Choir	20	21
22 8:15 & 10:45 a Worship Serv 9:30 a Church School 2:00 p Christmas Open House @ Zehr's 6:15 p Prayer Service	23	24 12:00 NOON Office Closes	25 7:00 p Family Service 11:00 p Candle-light Service	26	27	28 10:00 a Young Adults Tobaggoning @ Pokagon
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - DECEMBER 15, 9:30 A.M.

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DECEMBER 8, FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH AND PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS SPECIAL DINNER

On Sunday, December 8 right after church there will be a light dinner for those friends of the church who have been coming and are interested in joining the church. If you have been interested in learning more about the church and have an interest in joining our congregation, we hope that you will try to be here on December 8.

Also, in January there will be a special membership class during the Sunday School hour for four weeks for those who are wanting to join the church and if there are any other members of our congregation who would like to learn more about the history and the background of the Disciples and some of the ministries of our church, you are invited to attend as well.

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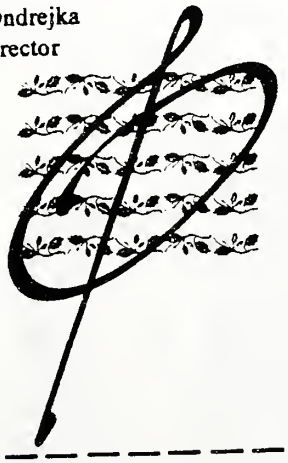
Ronald Ondrejka
Music Director



Celebrate The Season with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic

HOLIDAY POPS
Friday, December 13
8:00 PM
Embassy Theatre

Church Discount Prices
(Friday Performance Only)
$18.00, $15.00, $11.25

MESSIAH
Saturday, December 21
2:30 & 8:00 PM
Scottish Rite Auditorium

Church Discount Prices
$8.50, $6.75

Special church discount prices represent 25% off regular ticket prices.
Present this coupon at the Embassy Box Office, 121 W. Jefferson.

SERVING DECEMBER 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck and Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, G. Brown, C. Davis, T. Knuckles

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley, S. Kerley, B. Glasgow, T. Hatten, D. Rinker, E. Yeoman, K. Taylor, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D. Kriescher, J. Ohneck, H. Banet

COMMUNION PREPARATION

K.Blocher,B.Kelly,J.Kelly,R.Moll

ACOLYTES

Kaylie Duncan & Jamie Bushey

NO EXTENDED SESSION

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Eunice Conrad & Arline Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Alison Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. Barbara Hayes

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:15 P.M. Jim Grimshaw's PRC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 P.M. All Committee Chairs will meet with Finance Comm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 10-16

Katie Kilgore (10)
Rosemary Day (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
Sara Davis (12)
Dan Mory (13)
Debra Stam (16)

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We also want to thank Roger & Anne Moll, Deb & Curt Miller, and the members of the CYF youth group for helping deliver 13 dinners to our homebound members so they could feel part of the Thanksgiving Service as well.

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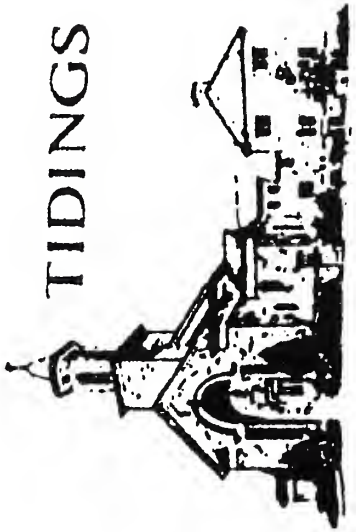

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THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE CANDLE OF PROCLAMATION

This Sunday our theme for our worship service is one of Proclamation. Our choir will sing an African anthem that will be exciting and vibrant. We will have a special visitor from Africa and our message from Rev. Zehr is entitled, "What Shall I Cry."

ADVENT ADVENTURES FOR GRADES 1-5, 9:45 A.M. We are once again planning Advent Adventures for children on this coming Sunday from 9:45 - 10:30 and again during Extended Session. This is an opportunity for children to learn more about Christmas Around the World and make gifts and decorations.

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JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY - 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. GRADES K-5th. Nursery Care Provided. This Sunday our young people are invited to come to a Birthday Party for Jesus which will include activities and stories to celebrate Christ's birthday. The CYF and adult sponsors will be leading this time for our young people. Nursery care will be provided for those parents who want to bring all their children and have this three hours for themselves to do some Christmas shopping! We encourage each young person to bring a gift to wrap that they will then give to one of the shelters here in the city. The gift can be a blanket, or a doll. It does not matter if it is for a girl or boy. They will be given to the shelters to give out to whom they please.

CAROLING FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE PEOPLE AT 5:00 P.M. - Members of the congregation are encouraged to join the groups going caroling for our special care people on this Sunday afternoon. There will be two routes, one south and one north, and we will go in cars and vans. If you'd like to help with driving, will you please tell Helen or Sue Oden so that we can plan for a number of people. This effort does not require trained voices. All you need is a love of singing carols and a desire to visit our loved ones who are often alone during the holidays. Please join friends from the church who will be reaching out in love to our special people. Youth and children are welcome. This is a family time. Afterwards, sometime around 7:00 p.m., we will meet back at the church for hot chocolate and refreshments.

HERE TO ZEHR

Victor Frankl wrote, "we who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread, they have been few in number but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing, the last of the human freedoms-to choose, one's attitude in any giving set of circumstances-to choose one's own way." As we come into this time of Advent we also have an opportunity to choose. To choose how we will approach this Christmas time, our relationships to our family, and to the church and God. We have an opportunity to let the Christ Child be born in the present in each of our lives. I hope in this Christmas time that you will know the presence of God and the birth of something new happening in your life and that you will choose to let that be born inside of you.

I hope to see everyone in worship this coming Sunday as we can choose to be together to worship our God.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Please make a special effort to call into the church office if you are interested in going on the bus to the Beef & Board's Dinner Theatre on December 14 for your reservation. See the article here in the newsletter explaining more about this event.

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THANK YOU

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NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP; I P THE LORD MY SOUL TO KEEP.....

Each and every night million children lie down to sle in alleyways, behind trash car in city dumps, or anywhere e they can find a bit of shelte Amid the harsh realities of t street, they struggle to survive

For such a child, a Chur World Service Blanket is more th protection from a biting chill; is tangible comforting proof th someone cares.

Support the Blanket Progr with your love, your gifts, a your prayers. It means that muc

DECEMBER IS BLANKET MON GIFTS OF BLANKETS ARE $5.00.

CMF - for good food, good fun, a good fellowship - join us th Saturday morning from 8:00 - 9:

It's a birthday party for the baby Jesus !!

THE HIGH SCHOOL KIDS OF OUR CHURCH (THE CYF GROUP) ARE SPONSORING A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE BABY JESUS ON DECEMBER 8TH FROM 2pm-5pm.

You are encouraged to bring your children, grandchildren, or even neighbor children to the church, drop them off and head out for three blessed hours without them. The children will enjoy a time of games, crafts, songs, stories and of course birthday cake and ice cream.

We are asking that, if possible, each child attending bring a gift to the party as if they were attending a party for another friend. These gifts will be donated to local needy families to help make their Christmas a little brighter. Siblings certainly can bring one gift between them, if they choose.

If you feel that your child is too little to participate in the party but you would still like to support this service project (and have 3 hours off!) please feel free to bring your little ones as the nursery will be staffed for babysitting. (They, too, will have snacks and juice.) A free will donation will be taken for the babysitting service in lieu of bringing a gift and the money will be used to purchase as many gift items as possible.

This CYF service project will serve in many ways.....

1. Time out to emphasis the "reason for the season"
2. The CYF group wishes to become a more integral part of the church
3. Time out for parents
4. Gifts for the needy children in Fort Wayne.
5. Fun for all who participate.

This is a great opportunity for all. Please plan to round up the children and bringing them to the church this Sunday afternoon. When you return at 5pm you can stay for the caroling party and end the afternoon on a family note.

If further information is needed or you wish to volunteer your services for an hour please call Deb Miller at 456-4028 after 2pm.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mark Arnold transferred his membership last Sunday from Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church, Key Biscayne, Florida. Mark is the husband of our Julia Arnold. They live at 1144 W. Lexington Avenue. Phone - 744-9585. Welcome Mark!

MITTEN TREE

This winter you can help keep a child warm by placing a pair of gloves, socks, or a hat or scarf on the mitten tree in Fellowship Hall. Right after Christmas we will be sending everything on the tree to the Cleveland Christian Home for Children.

GIRLS PRISON

For the second year we will be delivering love baskets to the girls prison in Indianapolis. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, drop your articles in the basket located in Fellowship Hall. Items needed are: playing cards, games, make-up, hair care products, socks, contemporary Christian music, blank cassettes, crosses, craft kits, etc. If you have questions, please call Laura McFarland or Teresa Hatten.

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CHRISTMAS CHORAL SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M.
The Cantata EMMANUEL by Eugene Butler
Soloists: Kirk Spencer, Ellen Duncan, Shelley Sendelbach,
Davis Orr, and Mike Vorndran
The Chancel Choir, and the Carillon

Christmas Reception Following

DECEMBER 22 THE CANDLE OF REVELATION
Luke 2:8-14; Godburst
Visitor from England
The Carillon and the Chancel Choir; anthems from England

Christmas Open House at the Zehrs, 2:00-5:00 P.M.
6703 Quail Ridge Lane

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Family Service at 7:00 p.m.; Candlelight Communion at 11:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

We are all feeling overwhelmed with all the artistry and hours given by Sue Oden, with help from Don and Bill Franklin with the decorations for the Hanging of the Greens Service. Sue designed and created the window settings, renovated the Advent Wreath, added freshness to other decorations, and put together the decorations from around the world on the trees. She helped the children in Creative Arts make the "eyes of God" for the trees. As you have a little purusal time, stop by the trees and read some of the legends and customs of Christmas from around the world on the decorations. And when you see Sue, please tell her how much we appreciate her gifts to the congregation which have made the sanctuary so beautiful. There are even more surprises to come! Thank you, Sue!

We thank also our Readers and Hangers of the Greens, all of whom were at both services. Thank you one and all! You made it a memorable service!

FOOTPRINTS

Youth News

CYF NEWS.....

This Sunday all CYF need to be at the church for a light lunch and then we will prepare our fellowship hall for Jesus' Birthday party in which we will lead our young people in a time of celebration for Christ's birthday.

CHI RHO NEWS.....

This Wednesday we will have our regular meeting on December 4. December 11 we will be going to the Daybreak Shelter to give a Christmas Party for children there at the shelter. We also will plan for our trip over Christmas vacation.

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: WHAT SHALL I CRY?

SCRIPTURE: MARK 1:1-8

This is the very beginning of the gospel of Mark in which John the Baptist prepares the way for Christ. As he recites a passage of scripture from Isaiah, "a voice of one calling in the dessert", what was it that Isaiah was calling the people to in his time? What is it that John the Baptist was calling the people in Jesus' day to? And what is God calling us to in our time? What shall we cry in this day to our world?

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE ZEHR'S, 6703 Quail Ridge Lane, 2:00-5:00 P.M.

We would like to invite everyone to our home on Sunday afternoon, December 22, for some refreshments and to see our new home. We would encourage those whose last names begin with A-K, if at all possible, would come from 2:00 - 3:30; and those from L-Z would come from 3:30 - 5:00. If your schedule does not permit you to come during those times, please come earlier or later as we will look forward to having some refreshments and fellowship during this time at our home with everyone.

DINNER THEATER PARTY

A 41 passenger bus has been chartered to take members of the congregation and friends to Indianapolis to enjoy lunch and a show at Beef and Boards, on Saturday, December 14. Departure time from the church parking lot is 9:30 a.m. and arrival time back at the church is 6:00 p.m. The cost is $25.00 per person. If you would like to go, please notify the office and turn in your money by December 9 to secure your ticket. Reservations are limited to 41. There will be an hour for shopping at the Castleton Mall on the way home. The show is Christmas Extravaganza, a delightful musical revue of dance and song. Come join the fun!

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SERVING DECEMBER 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C.Davis, D.Harter, R. Merrick

10:45 A.M. R. Hutchinson, B. Kelly, J. Kelly, R. Moll, S. Oden, R. Stover, M. Walsh, J. Walsh

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J.Ott, M.Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, S.Brey, C.Falbe, W.Bowen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

T. Walsh - S. Murray
P. Mullen - M. Rieke
C. Miller - J. Myers
E. Conrad - L. Brey

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S.Murray,C.Murray,J.Walsh,M.Walsh

ACOLYTES

Holly Falbe & Kristen Geroff

NO EXTENDED SESSION-ADV ADV

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:45 A.M. Advent Adventr.
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Light lunch for prospective members
5:00 P.M. Congregational Caroling

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:30 P.M. Elders Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
7:30 P.M. Board/Trustees

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 A.M. Beef & Board

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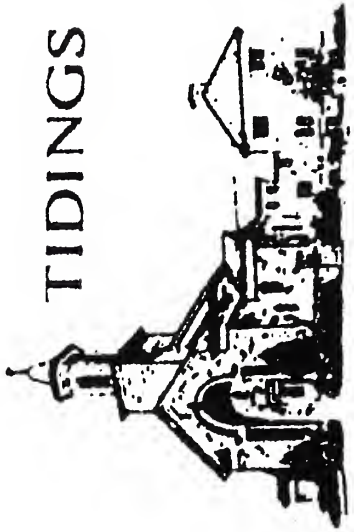

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THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION

The first Sunday we lit the candle of Expectation, last Sunday we lit the candle of Proclamation. This week we are lighting the candle of Preparation as we come preparing ourselves for Christmas Day and the birth of the Christ Child. This Sunday we will have the children singing in worship, a German carol, and the Chancel Choir will be singing a German carol with our visitor coming from Germany as we continue to celebrate Christmas Around the World.

Rev. Zehr's message is entitled, "Ambulances, Labor Pains, and Hospitals." If any of you have gone through the joy of the birth of a child, you can relate to the title of this message for this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL SERVICE - THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 5:00 P.M.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 9:30 A.M.

There will be a special Congregational Meeting to approve the budget for 1992 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. This will not be a long meeting but we hope that everybody comes to see the vision for 1992.

DECEMBER 14, SAT.- CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA AT BEEF & BOARD, INDIANAPOLIS

We will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. from the church and arriving home at 6:00 p.m. All who have signed up, please be there ready to go at 9:30 Saturday morning.

HERE TO ZEHR

This last week Terry Anderson was the last of the American hostages to be freed. He had been held in captivity for almost six years. During that time I'm sure he felt hopeless and wondered if it was even worth living. For when you are held captive it is hard to see any possibilities of a new beginning, a new way of life. But after six years he was set free and now after a couple of months of being at home and good food and family who loves him, he will be able to go on with a new life and ten years from now, fifteen years from now, he will look back on those six years and remember that time but it will not seem quite as painful or hard.

There are times in our lives in which we find ourselves held captive or in bondage to situations that surrounds us, or emotional wounds that seem to hold us captive and keep us from moving beyond our immediate experience. As we look at the hostages we can see the hope for new beginnings and new ways of being. In this Advent time I hope that you will use this time of preparation for the birth of the Christ Child, to prepare yourselves for a new birth in your life for those who have felt captive, and felt as if there is no future beyond the immediate experience that you are going through. There are others of us whose lives are going fairly smooth and sometimes that's even harder to see a new beginning happening for us because we feel complacent and comfortable where

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we are and yet God is calling some of us to a new growth and a new understanding in our relationships with our spouse, or our children, or with God's church.

I hope to see everyone in worship this coming Sunday as we come preparing ourselves for the birth of the Christ Child in our midst.

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Brian Langmeyer who were married in the Chapel Saturday, December 7, by Rev. Jerry Zehr.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Roger Moll and his family especially this week because of the death of his father. Services are being held in Ohio.

We are praying also for the family of Mary Jane Higgins who died Thursday, December 5, and for whom services were held by Helen Donnell on Sunday.

Marge Mitchell has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Bill Lehman and Dan Perry are patients at Parkview. Donna Drudge is at Lutheran.

Our prayers are with David Pratt who is hospitalized in Cincinnati with heart problems.

It was good to see D.J. Rinker maneuvering so skillfully with his broken leg.

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN

Terry & Mary King in memory of Mary's mother, Ina Smith

Earl & Margaret Snouffer in memory of William & Lillie Grandahl

Earl & Margaret Snouffer in memory of Earl & Mamie Snouffer

Alice Nulf in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Leon White

John & Jo Weyer in memory of those who have gone before

Harriett Cole in memory of Romane Cole

Charles & Jean McGrew in honor of the Fellowship Committee

Ed & Rosalie Hall in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Haley Elizabeth, to Gary & Cindy Hall on November 10, 1991

Mary Wilhelm in memory of Pete & Jolene

Robert Orr Family in memory of parents, Ralph & Thelma Orr

Laurie Bushey in memory of Gerald Weaver

Mark & Pauline Snyder in memory of Nick Keirn

Diane Zehr in memory of her grandparents, Edward & Margaret Weston

Sadie Kattas in memory of her husband, Ernest Kattas and son, Thomas K. Fountain

Ed & Sue Allen in memory of Greg Allen

Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of Jeanne Feltenberger

Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of their daughter, Linda Kirtley

Lillian Busse in memory of husband, Arthur Busse; son, Mel Busse; and her parents, Charles & Ethel King

Glenn & Lola Miller in memory of parents, Eli & Celestia Miller and Wayne & Ethel Knootz

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Creager and Ruby Mowery in memory of Arthur Mowery

Charles & Ardith Wrisk in memory of their daughter-in-law, Marie Wrisk

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

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Our traditional Candlelight Communion Service will be held Christmas Eve, December 24 at 11:00 p.m. There will be a Christmas Eve Meditation by Rev. Zehr and the Chancel Choir will be singing.

COME AND WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Dates for the 1992 Area Men's Spring Rallies have been set for Sunday, March 8, 15, 22, 29. The theme is "Called to be Witnesses." Watch for more details later.

GIRLS PRISON

For the second year we will be delivering love baskets to the girls prison in Indianapolis. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, drop your articles in the basket located in Fellowship Hall. Items needed are: playing cards, games, make-up, hair care products, socks, contemporary Christian music, blank cassettes, crosses, craft kits, etc. If you have questions, please call Laura McFarland or Teresa Hatten.

NEEDED: USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Your used Christmas cards can provide employment to individuals with severe disabilities. The Christmas card project is one of the many programs at Development Workshop, Inc. that help individuals become self-sufficient, both economically and socially.

Used Christmas cards can be placed in the box in Fellowship Hall or given to any member of CWF.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the many prayers, well-wishes, and concerns expressed during my recent hospital stay. It's so nice to have a church family giving both of us continual support during the recovery period. Our special appreciation to Jerry, Helen, Eileen, and Gini. Thanks so much to all of you.

Linda and Richard Merrick

THANK YOU

We have several people to be grateful to, and to acknowledge for services during this special and very busy season above and beyond the "call of duty". Mike Walsh played the trumpet prelude for the Hanging of the Greens service with very little notice, and did so beautifully. Nunu Manachach designed the neat bulletin covers which we are enjoying this Advent season. Linda Merrick designed and created the gorgeous angel which graces the center of the chancel. Members of the Worship Committee, led by Sue Oden, spent all of Saturday morning and into the afternoon placing the Christmas trees on the posts and hanging the greens and wreaths on the columns and doors. Mrs. Werner Wadewitz was our visitor from the Soviet Union, the home of her parents, and will be our visitor from Germany, which was her birthplace, this next Sunday. Florence Farr made our very interesting visitor this past Sunday from Africa. We are grateful to Julie Donnell who sang a lovely Christmas spritual to go with the Africa theme for the day, and to members of the Chancel Choir who went out on a considerable limb singing from memory so that they could re-create the subtle movements of an African folk song. Thank you, one and all!

PECANS

We have reordered pecans. There are now 33-1 lb. bags available. They are $5.25/lb.

GATHERING PLACE

Due to the congregational meeting this Sunday, December 15, the Gathering Place will not meet. We will continue to meet, however, on the next Sunday, December 22 when we will have a special presentation by our children as they share with us the crafts they made during Advent Adventures.

THE CYF service project, "Happy Birthday Baby Jesus" was a great success! Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who brought their children.

The CYF group collected nearly 2 dozen gifts which in turn will be donated to the Daybreak Children's Shelter here in Fort Wayne to help needy families.

We also want to say a big, big, THANK YOU to Larry & Sue Brey for feeding the hungry CYF group and sponsors a super lunch before the party began!

POINSETTIA PLANTS CONTINUED

Bill & Ginny Johnson

Donna McEvoy

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: "AMBULANCES, LABOR PAINS, HOSPITALS"
SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:39-55

This scripture is known as the Hymn of Mary for it was a beginning with verse 46, these are the words that are used as an early Christian Hymn imagining that these were some of the feelings and the words that Mary gave voice to as the baby Jesus leaped in her womb. If you were to write a Psalm for the Christ Child how would the words go? What would the melody be like for your song of praise to God? Take a few moments and write your song to God for Advent this year.

MITTEN TREE

This winter you can help keep a child warm by placing a pair of gloves, socks, or a hat or scarf on the mitten tree in Fellowship Hall. Right after Christmas we will be sending everything on the tree to the Cleveland Christian Home for Children.

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"CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING"

This years Christmas special offering is truly special. All the money collected during this offering will go towards the establishment of the new Christian Church right here in Fort Wayne. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our savior what better birthday present could we give than a new church. This congregation has been a faithful partner of the work of the many ministries of the Disciples of Christ Churches all over the world. This is a great opportunity to show our commitment to the newest member of the Disciples of Christ family. Please give generously.

SERVING DECEMBER 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and Eunice Conrad

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. G. Brown, B. Hendricks, M.Hutchinson, T.Knuckles

10:45 A.M. J.Hatten, C.Hatten, D.Kreischer, C.Murray, S.Murray, M.Orr, Jt.Myers, J.Myers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D.McEvoy, B. Glasgow, D.J. Rinker

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S.Murray, C.Murray, J.Walsh, M.Walsh

ACOLYTES

Brian Rinker & Andy Stow

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Karen Bushey

EXTENDED SESSION II LEADER

Sam Hayes

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Lindsay

10:45 A.M. Rose Newton

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 A.M. Beef & Board

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 17-23

Fran Eckert (17

Diana Blomeke (20)

John Morris (20)

Tammy Ott (20)

Elaine Parrot (22)

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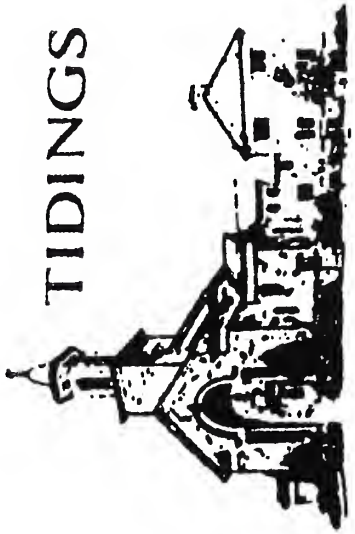

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GODBURST

Luke 2:8-14

VISITOR FROM ENGLAND - TIM SEARLE

We look forward with excitement to Christmas Sunday, December 22. You may want to come a bit early for services to enjoy a trumpet and organ medley of carols played by John Bohlen and Jerry Zimmerman. The Carillon will be ringing in procession and will offer one English carol, the lovely Coventry Carol, as well as augmenting the Chancel Choir with the second English anthem, the Sussey Carol. The candle of Revelation will be lit on the Advent Wreath, anticipating the theme of the sermon and service, Godburst. This will be a Sunday to fill the sanctuary with the whole church family worshipping together, a Sunday full of joy, a Sunday to remember.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

There will be two services on Christmas Eve, one at 7:00 p.m. and the other at 11:00 p.m.

The traditional Family Christmas Eve service will be held on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. There will be scripture readings, carols, a special Christmas story for the children, the sharing of gifts from around the world which the children have made, guitar music, and the candlelighting to Silent Night.

At the 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion service the sermon will be the Journey of the Magi. The Chancel Choir will be singing, the beloved Christmas story from Luke will be read, the Christ candle lit, and carols sung, climaxed by a quiet time at the Table and the lighting of candles.

You are invited especially to worship at either or both of these two significant services on the eve of Christmas. Please come. We will welcome the Christ Child together.

HERE TO ZEHR

This will be our final newsletter until we begin the new year. On December 30, a Monday evening, I will be having a special healing service for those who have had experiences through this last year that they find themselves feeling separated from other people or from God and they are wanting to seek God's presence for a time of healing in their own lives. I found this to be a very powerful experience for those who come and participate as a way of helping to move through different experiences of the past year and be able to begin the new year afresh.

We had 28 people who went to Beef & Boards this last Saturday with a great time together. Our own Bill & Joan Franklin made their stage debut at Beef & Boards when they asked for audience participation and they were drawn up on stage and did us proud.

Please also make note, our Christmas offering this year is going for the new church here in Fort Wayne as we have striven to support this church development as we continue to want to make Disciples for Jesus. We hope that you will support this effort with your gifts in this time of Christmas.

The Choral Service this past Sunday, with the bells and choir, the soloists, was a beautiful evening of preparation for the Christ Child and we want to thank all those who helped make that possible.

I look forward to celebrating our first Christmas together this year as we bring the birth of Jesus into our midst.

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

Bill Lehman and Dan Perry are patients at Parkview. Donna Drudge and Evelyn Kanczuzewski are patients at Lutheran Hospital.

Kathy Graham's mother is recovering from a broken pelvis.

Sarah Smith had eye surgery and is doing very well.

Ruth Norton is at St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive.

Congratulations to Brian & Margaret Prechtl on the birth of their new son, Jason Michael!

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped out with ADVENT ADVENTURES two weeks ago. The crafts from around the world were great and the children seemed to have a good time, while learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas in different parts of the world. Thank you for your help!

WHITE WATER RAFTING

In December? No, but a few of our young adults are already making plans to go rafting next October 9,10,11 in West Virginia. Because of the limited openings, reservations must be made by this Friday, December 20. If you're at all interested in going, please contact Jill Downs at 422-8161.

DISCIPLESHIP

A five week class for those who are interested in joining this voyager (our church), and for those who are already on board, but would like a refresher course. Starting January 5 - February 2, 9:30 a.m. - gathering in the sanctuary. This course will prepare you for our journey.

First Week - "Log Entries" - history of the Disciples of Christ and the first chartings of our church, basic beliefs that our voyager is built on.

Second Week - "Charting the Course" - understanding the Bible, authority of scripture, how to use resources for study and growth.

Third Week - "Getting Provisions for the trip" - Learning of the structure and programs of Disciples of Christ and ministries in our local church.

Fourth Week - "Preparing to set sail" - what is required of each of us as we desire to serve Christ and join the journey.

Fifth Week - "Setting Sail" - learning what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Warren & Katherine Smart, 1321 W. Sherwood Terrace 07 - phone - 745-0369. Warren & Katherine transferred their membership from the Christian Science.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. Open House at Zehr's
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:00 NOON Office Closes
7:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Family Service
11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle-light Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:00 A.M. Young Adults Tobaggoning at Pokagon
7:00 P.M. Chi Rho Lock In

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 P.M. Healing & Reconcilin Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:00 NOON Office Closes

SERMON PREVIEW

As a way of preparing for the Christmas Eve Service this year, following is a poem by T.S. Eliot entitled Journey of the Magi. As you read this, reflect upon the images of birth and death and Eliot's understanding of the need for death, for birth to begin. And yet, once the birth has happened, we cannot go back to our old ways. Why is that? How does the birth make us different?

"A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter."
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on a low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it way (you may say) satisfactory.

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SERMON PREVIEW CONTINUED

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

MUSIC NOTES

We are all deeply indebted to members of the Chancel Choir, the Carillon, and Creative Arts children for giving us all so much joy with the beautiful music of Christmas. There have been extra rehearsals for the choirs and much extra preparation time by soloists Mike Walsh, Julie Donnell, Shelley Sendelbach, John Bohlen, Ellen Duncan, Mike Vorndran, Kirk Spencer, David Orr, Chandra Duncan, and accompanists Valetta Parlette and Jerry Zimmerman.

There is a difference between music as just a piece of clockwork announcing a season, or music that also tells the time, the deep spirit of a season. We congratulate all the participants in the music program for telling the time with richness, imagination, and enthusiasm. Thank you all!

CHOIR SCHEDULE

December 22	Carillon	7:30 am - Warm Up
	Chancel Choir	10:20 am - Warm Up
December 24	Chancel Choir	10:30 pm - Warm Up
January 5	Chancel Choir	10:20 am - Warm Up

PRACTICES RESUME FOR CREATIVE ARTS - JANUARY 8
CARILLON - JANUARY 9
CHANCEL CHOIR - JANUARY 9

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CONGREGATION

Walter Bowen, Judy & Dick Mey, Bill & Joan Franklin, Lucille Branstrator, George & Virginia Bruckman, Ruth & Earl Plummer, Charline Craig, Laurie Bushey, Carl & Mildred Linn, Carole Overmyer, Harold & Ruby Cline, Mary Lou Hartzler, Candace Cole, Gladys Hoop, Mary Wilhelm, Andy Cook, Merle & Betty Grimm, Reba Fusselman, Don & Sarah Smith, Jackie Keller, Bob & Bev Hendricks, Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk.

ADDITIONAL POINSETTIA PLANT GIVEN

Ralph & Judy Church

"OUR COMMITMENT - GOD'S WILL"

The Finance Committee is asking everyone to make every effort to fulfill their stewardship commitment for 1991. We need to make up the $7,284.00 short fall, that we have borrowed to pay the bills, year to date!

The office will accept 1991 giving, until January 3, 1992 at noon. (If check is dated 12-31-91). Your support is essential. God Bless!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINAR

There will be a 4 week Christian Education seminar in late January and early February on Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. Dennis McClurg, principal at Snider High School, will lead the study. Mr. McClurg has lead this study in several places in our community, and he was here in our congregation to present a condensed form of the study last August. Because of the outstanding reception he received while he was here, and because of the importance of interfaith relationships, we've asked him to come back.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Dates for the 1992 Area Men's Spring Rallies have been set for Sunday, March 8, 15, 22, 29. The theme is "Called to be Witnesses." Watch for more details later.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 12-15-91

Caroline & Eddie Suarez, 3109 Tillman Road; Scott Miller; Lamont Carpenter, 4427 Winston Drive; Don Scherer, 5645 S. Wayne Avenue.

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 24-30

Bill Crouse (24); Michael O'Laughlin (24); Elizabeth Dull (26); Carolyn Falbe (26);Jill Crist (26); Michele Reeves (27): Marsha Busse (27); Sarah E. Smith (28); Paul Fisher (28); John Mathis (28); Tomi Fry (28); Lucille Branstrator (29); Celestia Walters (29)

THIS SUNDAY, OPEN HOUSE AT THE ZEHR'S, 6703 QUAIL RIDGE LANE,2:00-5:00 PM

We would like to invite everyone to our home this coming Sunday afternoon, December 22, for some refreshments and to see our new home. We would encourage those whose last names begin with A-K, if at all possible, to come from 2:00 - 3:30; and those from L-Z to come from 3:30 - 5:00. If your schedule does not permit you to come during those times, please come at either time.

DIRECTIONS TO ZEHR'S

Covington Road is parallel with Jefferson Road. Just behind Covington Plaza - our home is in Covington Condominiums, west of Covington Plaza and Time Corners, on Covington Road. You may park on Quail Ridge in front of our house or come around the back to the parking lot.

MITTEN TREE

This winter you can help keep a child warm by placing a pair of gloves, socks, or a hat or scarf on the mitten tree in Fellowship Hall. Right after Christmas we will be sending everything on the tree to the Cleveland Christian Home for Children.

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS

Send your Christmas greetings to our church family with one card addressed to the church. They will be placed on two banners located in the Narthex, and relayed to everyone in the Tidings. The money you save on cards and postage by not mailing to all your church friends will be sent to Basic Mission Finance. Sign one card, include your donation (if check make payable to First Christian Church) and send or bring it to the church office.

"CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING"

This years Christmas special offering is truly special. All the money collected during this offering will go towards the establishment of the new Christian Church right here in Fort Wayne. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our savior what better birthday present could we give than a new church. This congregation has been a faithful partner of the work of the many ministries of the Disciples of Christ Churches all over the world. This is a great opportunity to show our commitment to the newest member of the Disciples of Christ family. Please give generously.

NEEDED: USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Your used Christmas cards can provide employment to individuals with severe disabilities. The Christmas card project is one of the many programs at Development Workshop, Inc. that help individuals become self-sufficient, both economically and socially.

Used Christmas cards can be placed in the box in Fellowship Hall or given to any member of CWF.

SERVING DECEMBER 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and Bob Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Davis, N. Knappenberger, G. Brown

10:45 A.M. L. Brey, S. Brey, B. Glasgow, M. Mullen, M. Orr, M. Quick, R. Stover, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Ewing, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, E. Nordblom, H.Nordblom, D.Kreischer

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - D. Mey

B. Hendricks - G. Brown

C. Ludwig - K. Taylor

B. Johnson - E. Yeoman

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B. Kelly, J. Kelly, B. Glasgo

ACOLYTES

Katie Moll & Kaylie Duncan

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Laura McFarland

FRIENDSHIP VISITORS

Charlie & Teresa Hatten

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Karen & Jim Bushey

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. John Ohneck

10:45 A.M. Larry Brey

SERVING DECEMBER 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Kathy Graham and Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh and Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, G. Brown, D. Harter, T. Knuckles

10:45 A.M. M.Mullen,L.Bushey, C. Hatten, T. Hatten, R. Moll, S. Oden, D. Rinker, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

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10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

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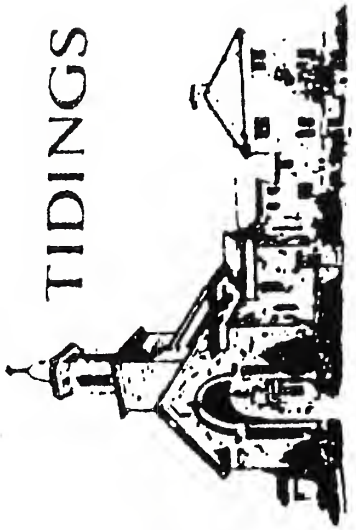

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